



GREYHOUND UPDATE

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The New Biolase MD!



It is with great pride and pleasure that I announce that National Greyhound Adoption Program is the very first veterinary clinic in the United States to own the best dental laser currently on the market today: The Biolase MD!

My first experience with the Biolase laser was three or four years ago. Dr. Sangita Patel, DVM and I paid a visit to my son's brother-in-law's dental practice. The dentist there was demonstrating, to other fellow dentists, the use of this new laser that he had recently acquired.

To say that I was impressed would be an understatement. There was a lady sitting in a chair, who had sensitivity to both heat and cold in water, air and food. This sensitivity created much discomfort, and it was difficult for her to eat many foods or even take a deep breath on a cold day.

The Biolase MD changed all of that. I asked the woman a question for which I anticipated the answer. The question was, "How has this procedure changed your life?" and the answer was that she now felt wonderful, she could eat anything she needed or wanted to eat, and her problem was simply gone.

We were so impressed that the purchase of a laser became high on our list of

priorities. We were able to purchase one laser, with two additional older models being thrown in as part of the deal. Although those units got us started in the use of lasers in our surgical facility, they were not the same as the Biolase.

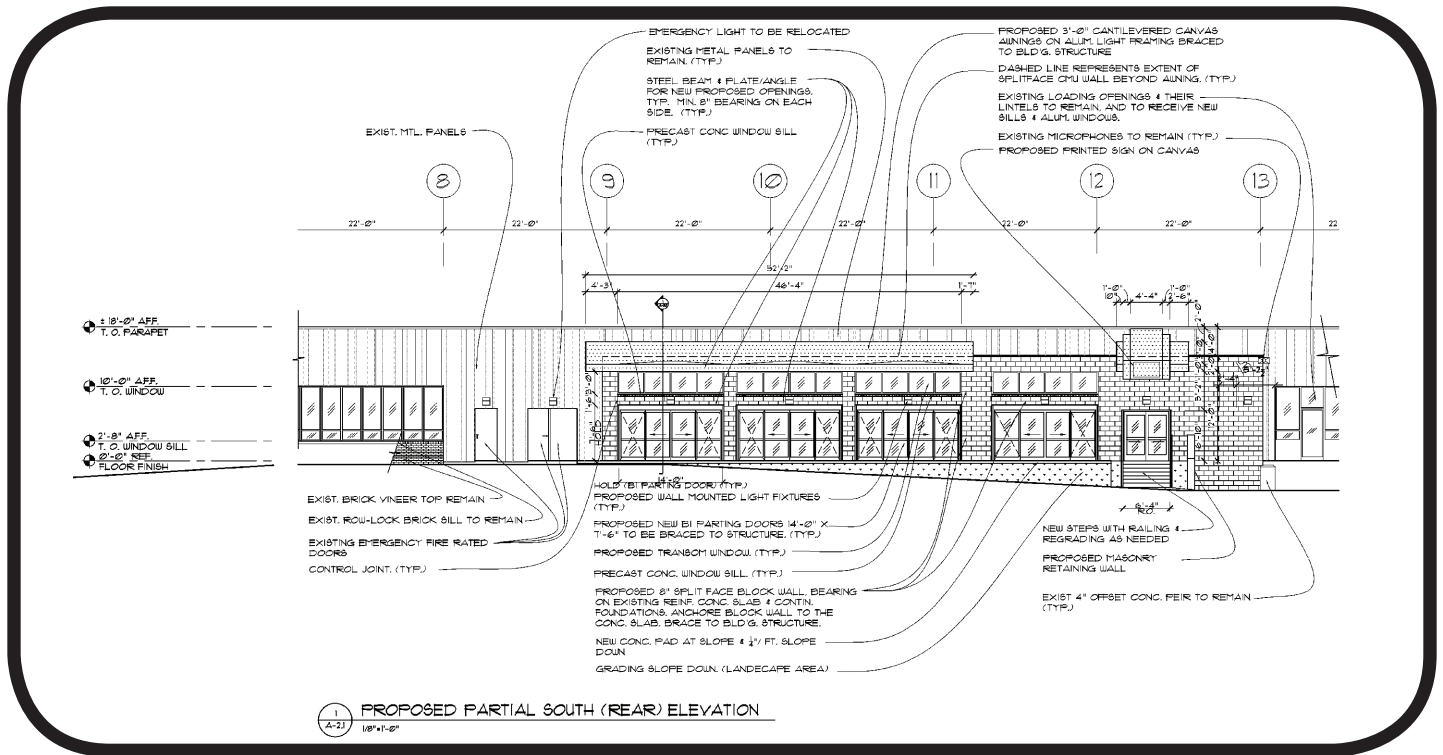
Finally, after three years and many phone calls, we acquired a Biolase MD. It is a state of the art \$85,000 laser and has been shown to do innovative techniques that are impossible to do with the standard CO2 laser. Lasers are typically used to cut hard bone. As it cuts, it cauterizes and kills bacteria. However, this technological product has a gentle touch, and can be used to desensitize root exposed teeth.

I know, and so many photographs will show, that greyhounds have big-time root exposure problems. They probably have the same root sensitivity issues that we have. Unfortunately, they can't tell us. Exposed root has no enamel covering. It may well be compared to sandpaper. Microscopically, you will see tiny pores covering this exposed root area. What the Biolase MD will do, is seal those tiny pores making it a less attractive site for aggressive accumulation of plaque and tartar. Although we cannot put an enamel finish on this exposed root, we can add a clear bonding finish to replicate the enamel surface.

Many greyhounds also develop gingivitis, exhibited by extensive redness of the gums and swelling. It is not uncommon to see canine teeth surrounded by swollen gum tissue $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch wide by $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch deep by $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch high. With the Biolase MD, we can now go into those pockets underneath the surface - previously unreachable areas - to help remove plaque and bacteria. This helps to stimulate the growth of healthy tissue which can lead to the reattachment of the gum to the tooth root and accelerate healing.

NGAP only uses these techniques on an as-needed basis. If your greyhound is in need of this treatment, it is done quickly and efficiently during the cleaning process. Healing is faster with minimal or no pain. If your greyhound does not need this treatment, it simply won't get it, unless specifically requested by the owner to aid in the prevention of future dental ailments. Please advise the staff prior to the procedure if you wish to have it done. The standard charge for this treatment is \$50. More extensive treatment is additional, but it is worth its weight in gold and many times over.

No matter how good you think your veterinarian may be, they don't have a Biolase MD laser. Everyone reading this information should be excited for their greyhound and the new benefits we can now achieve with the Biolase MD.



Construction Begins!

After about five years of careful planning, we have now begun construction of our new kennel! Many of the key components are now in place in order to proceed. We have agonized and changed the plans so many times.

The purchase of our new dog runs was the decisive element that determined the final layout of our new kennel. The runs, purchased from a large pharmaceutical company, are worth about \$6000 each. They are roughly 4' wide by 6' deep, with a comfortable bed in the back and room to run in the front. The doors are all sliders which gives us a great degree of control. They are stainless steel and will most certainly outlive us all.

Once the runs were purchased, it had to be determined how the drainage would work. We had the choice of jack-hammering out a 10,000 square foot floor and starting with dirt, or cutting channels in the existing floor for trench drains. We chose to cut the channels, but literally needed a huge saw to cut through the seven inches of concrete. The saw was purchased and the channels were cut. We await final plumbing permits and will then begin installation of the channel drains with all of the interconnections. Next come the walls, a new front on the building, and then of course, the installation of doors. Doors are a huge priority and an expensive one. Our dogs go in and out four times a day. The cost of those doors was a big issue. First we were able to find and purchase 30 sliding patio-type doors that are 8 feet high instead of 6 feet, through eBay. These doors allow us to see through to the other side - who's coming, who's going, and who's waiting. But the icing on the cake was another eBay purchase of four paneled glass automatic sliding hospital doors. The full width of the four panels is 14 feet. We are using nine of the doors in the kennel and surgical area. Watch our website and you will see as we progress through the construction.



Ultrasound Equipment Added to NGAP Facility

I believe there is probably no other greyhound program in the United States with a clinic quite like ours. We have just added an AU3 Biosound Ultrasound to the array of equipment that we have here at NGAP.

Acquiring an Ultrasound is not quite like acquiring any other type of equipment. For an Ultrasound, you need training and practice. Drs. Sangita and Bakul Patel, and I, went to an intensive training session May 19th and 20th in New York. This was truly an intensive hands-on course that takes time and patience to first find the organ you are looking for, identify if it is normal, and then try to identify an abnormality and what that abnormality is.

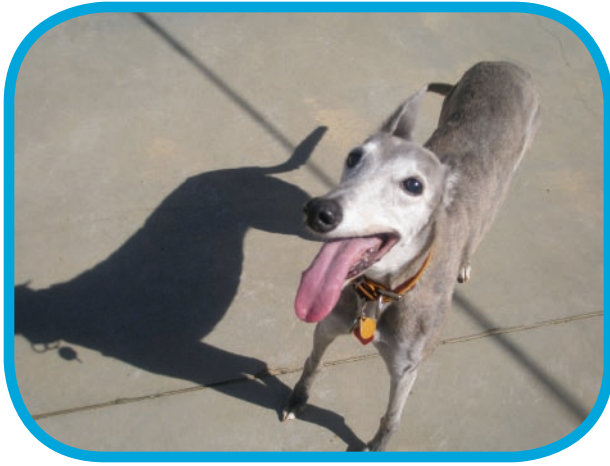
We have begun using our new Ultrasound and are gaining experience so that we can better diagnose and treat the greyhounds we serve. Initially, instead of doing Ultrasound referrals, we will have a certified Ultrasound technician bring in their equipment, do the ultrasound, and at the same time, repeat it with our equipment.

Very often an ultrasound can be done without any anesthesia protocol, and it can easily be done while other procedures are being done.

To the left is a photograph of Peter Brunelli and David Wolf with the new Ultrasound machine.



Dr. Sangita Patel & Dr. Bakul Patel at an Ultrasound training session held in New York on May 19th & 20th, 2007.



A New Life for Bon Bon

Bon Bon was adopted in March of 1999. In August of last year, we had some correspondence with the adopter and determined that Bon Bon and their other dog, Tulsa were in dire need of dental work. Although the owners refused to return them to us at that time, they recently notified us that because of personal illness, they not only could not take care of the dogs, but we would have to pick them up from New Jersey. Tom DuBois stepped up and brought Bon Bon and Tulsa back to NGAP.

Bon Bon had 23 teeth remaining in her mouth. I could have probably pulled half of them with my bare hands, they were so loose. I assumed the others had fallen out since we have no record of any extractions and had not seen Bon Bon since 2002. Bon Bon was not a happy camper. Soon after we extracted her remaining 23 teeth, her life was transformed. I saw her in the kennel on May 31st, nine days after we had her in surgery. She was wagging her tail. She was moving around as though she were a puppy. All we had to do was take out all her teeth. She and Tulsa, her buddy who is a year older at twelve, are now healthy and happy awaiting adoption.

The Happy Ending

I'm sure most of us have gone to Friendly's. If you go to Friendly's and order a particular meal, at no extra charge you get a Happy Ending Sundae for free.

This story is a little different than going to Friendly's - in fact it's a lot different than going to Friendly's - but it does have a Happy Ending.

Over a year ago, on August 4, 2006 we sent a letter to an adopter when we learned that his greyhounds were not being well cared for. When one of our volunteers went to visit these two greyhounds, they were not in good condition and their mouths cried out in desperation for treatment. The adopter refused to let us treat the greyhounds even if we offered him an extended payment plan.

Letters from our office did no good, and then in May 2007 the adopter called us to say he wanted to return the dogs but had no means of doing so. Needless to say, when we picked them both up they were not in good condition. Bon Bon had to have all of her 23 remaining teeth extracted and Tulsa had to have nine extractions. They came in as two very sad greyhounds.

After their surgeries, instead of being put into a crate, they were given their own area in the kennel to move about and sleep on whatever bed they chose to sleep on.

At 12 years of age, they both were doing remarkably well while in our care but even better than that, they were just a joy to visit. As soon as you would enter the room where they had a gated area, they were on their feet wagging their tails with eyes gleaming. You would never know they were as old as they are.

It is very difficult to adopt two older greyhounds that have been together for many years - but now, we come to the sundae!

Mark and Judy Stayton were previous adopters who had just lost one of their greyhounds. They decided to look for a companion for their remaining 12-year-old greyhound, Breeze. Bon Bon and Tulsa's unbroken spirits must have touched them because on Sunday Sept. 2, 2007, Mark and Judy took them both into their hearts and home! Only a few days ago, the report was that they are doing great!

Maybe there are some other adopters out there who would like to give one of our older former racers a new lease on life?

We have many more Bon Bons and Tulsas.



Flyers Meet & Greet

Children Love Greyhounds and Adults Do To!

Saturday, March 24th, 2007, Jackie & Gary Dornhoefer had arranged for National Greyhound Adoption Program to do a Flyers Meet & Greet at the Islanders game. This year we had three Flyers Jerseys to raffle off. Two had been donated by the director and one from Gary Dornhoefer.

The photos show Lisa Fritz with her greyhound Lady Fritz being admired. Lady was obviously tired out. Some people were not sure she was awake most of the time, but she was just a greyhound doing her thing.

Thanks to all of the volunteers that made this event successful. We will be back in two weeks to do it all again.



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If you are one of many people who do most of their shopping online, whether all year round or just around the holidays, please consider shopping through iGive.com. With each online purchase you make, National Greyhound Adoption Program receives a percentage of your sale. Signing up with iGive.com is fast and easy and will never cost you a thing! Select National Greyhound Adoption Program as your cause and start earning donations for us!* Participating online stores include Target, 1.800.Petmeds, Barnes & Noble, Babies'R'Us (great for those baby shower registries!), Toys'R'Us Gap, Amazon, Staples, Best Buy, Circuit City, Sears, Macy's, Boscov's, Old Navy and many, many more! You really must check out their store listings! National Greyhound Adoption Program relies heavily on private donations and every little bit counts! Please visit www.iGive.com to sign up today.

(*In order to raise donations for us, you must first visit iGive.com and then select the participating store you would like to shop at through their website.)

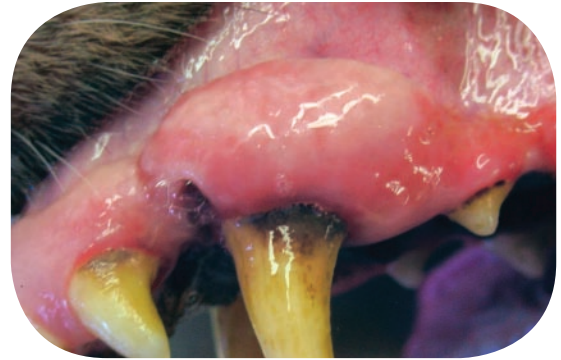
Have You Moved?

Please be sure to notify the office if you have a change of last name, address or phone number so that we can properly update our files! Also, please be sure to update your information with the pet recovery program your dog's microchip information is registered. The contact numbers are as follows:

AKC Companion Animal Recovery
1-800-252-7894
www.akccar.org

HomeAgain
1-888-HOMEAGAIN (466-3242).
www.homeagain.com

Changing a Bo



Bo arrived at our kennel on April 25. Bo's owners had told us that he had lost about 10 lbs. He was eating well, but losing weight. Bo had no energy - he was one sad greyhound. His owners had gone to other vet facilities and tried many things, but nothing was working for Bo.

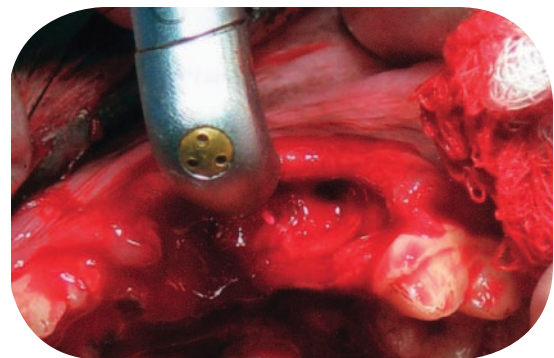
We knew Bo had issues with his mouth after only 1 month, but hesitated to do anything until geriatric blood work was done. The results showed nothing spectacular, but Bo was obviously still not feeling well.

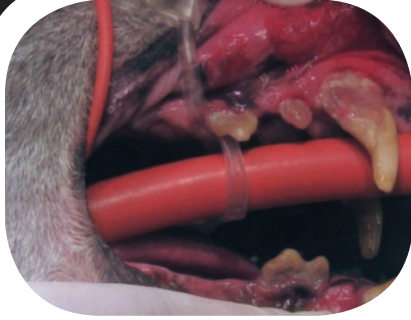
On Friday, May 5, 2007, Bo went into surgery. The photograph above shows his one molar that was truly bad and the significant amount of plaque and tartar on the rest of his teeth. After removing the molar, we lasered inside the wound cavity with our new Biolase MD. Using the laser on this area helped control the bleeding and kill bacteria in the wound cavity. We then sutured the extraction area and proceeded to address Bo's other dental issues. His canines showed significant swelling, both with approximately 10mm pockets. A 10mm pocket is a really deep pocket! With our new laser unit we were able to go into the pocket and flush out that area killing bacteria and creating good blood flow. This should lead to gum reattachment to the tooth and pocket reduction.

Bo's day-after-surgery was fairly routine, but on Sunday we saw a whole new Bo! There he was, in his cage, animated, barking, reacting, and full of energy. It was like magic. Not only did Bo feel good, but everyone felt good! We only had to extract one molar and two incisors, give Bo a laser treatment under the gum-line of his entire mouth, and address his canine pockets.

At this point, we do not know if it was only his mouth that had caused Bo to lose weight, or if he has a serious underlying problem that may have been caused by problems with his mouth, We do know that he is now a happy camper and it happened by just spending a little time on the operating table and the use of our new laser. Your dog's mouth may not be quite as bad as Bo's, but we know without a doubt that this laser treatment will help your dog and it is worth the small investment many times over.

Note: It is necessary to clean the tooth before treatment in order to gauge root exposure and pocket depth.





This is what Banchee looked like when presented to us.

Banchee's Happy Now

Banchee is a nine-year-old greyhound with many typical dental problems. Over the years, Banchee has had many extractions to help make her more comfortable. Banchee returned to us a few months ago with extensive periodontal disease and excessive root exposure, as well as a terrible ulceration of the gum above the canine.

We extracted the remainder of her teeth and used our new laser to sterilize the wound cavity, which aided in faster healing.

Now Banchee is a new dog, frolicking like a youngster and eating much better. Keep in mind, that Banchee no longer has any teeth, which in her case is a good thing. Greyhounds don't need teeth to survive or eat and they certainly don't need teeth to smile! Banchee is proof of that!

Banchee's Owners Are Happy Too!

I was lucky enough to befriend a beautiful greyhound 3 ½ years ago. Her name is Banchee and she is absolutely wonderful! She came to us with very few teeth. Over the years, the teeth that were left kept getting worse and her gums became ulcerated. Per the recommendation of Mr. Wolf and his highly skilled team of veterinarians and assistants, all of her teeth were removed, including her big canines. She healed quickly and feels so much better. Before her dental extractions, she wasn't very active and wasn't eating well. Since her dental extractions, she eats much more. She runs and runs every morning and I think she would do back flips if she could. She is so much happier than she was before!

As we all know, Greyhounds notoriously can have bad teeth & gums. I would like to stress the importance of daily maintenance and regular dental cleanings. Nothing can replace professional dental cleanings and necessary extractions. Many other health problems can be related to bad teeth and gums such as heart & kidney disease. Please believe me that your greyhound companion will feel much better without its unhealthy teeth than with them. And you will have the comfort of knowing that you are caring for you friend in the best possible way. They sure do deserve it.

*Holly Richard
Emerson, New Jersey*

Oral Growths

In doing as many dentals as we do, we often see oral growths inside the mouth. The photos below show a fairly large one. Fortunately, if treated and excised with a laser, as we would do, the procedure often requires no sutures at all. Large oral growths are sent out for biopsy, but the most of the time they are benign.



Shame On You!

Has the veterinary world forgotten that their primary goal is to care for animals compassionately and humanely? On Saturday, November 10th, NGAP had an emergency. Several months ago we had taken in a stray that was not a greyhound. We were doing someone a favor. We thought we had found it a home, only to find that the owner then turned this little dog over to the Women's Humane Society. Because of the dog's microchip, it was bounced back to us. Friday the dog was fine, but Saturday it had bloody diarrhea and the Director was called. Staff were given instructions that if the dog got worse to call. The call came in and it was decided to take Daisy Mae to Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center in Langhorne. By the time the dog arrived at the facility, it was basically clinically dead according to the doctor who called. We would take Daisy Mae's remains back for cremation.

Oh! But I forgot part of the story! 45 minutes later, the emergency clinic called and said "Mr. Wolf, here are the charges." We owed \$275, less a \$30 discount, for an examination fee, CPR, and insertion of a catheter.

Forgetting all of the referrals we have made to Langhorne over the years, I was a little taken aback by the lack of compassion. The only thing that seemed to matter was the U.S. Dollar. Perhaps when we open our new clinic we should provide a 24-hour emergency clinic that has this compassion. Philadelphia needs it!

Shame on you, Langhorne Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center!



National Greyhound Adoption Program Comes Through for Cameo

We received a call from Pat Adams with information about a situation where a greyhound, Cameo, had broken her leg. The greyhound was taken to an orthopedic veterinarian and the adopters were quoted about \$10,000.00 for repair. The greyhound's adopters then spoke to the program it had adopted from, which was not us, and their program was unable to help since they could not afford that money. When we were contacted, we knew there was only one option based on the information we were given and that was to amputate Cameo's leg. We set it up immediately. Cameo came through the surgery extremely well and was on her feet in two and a half hours after the amputation. She

was ready to leave about four days later. If a leg is amputated at NGAP the dog is kept in our care until we feel the dog and adopters will not have any problems during the recovery from such a surgery and that the greyhound is able to get around ok without bleeding or drainage. Through donations, the \$1,000.00 cost was paid up quickly. Although Cameo stayed with us a few extra days, she has since gone home. We saw her recently without her right rear leg and she was just fine, and her adopters were thrilled. Once again NGAP came through to help a greyhound in need.

After Cameo had her leg amputated at NGAP, many people supported a fund raiser spearheaded by Pat Adams, a long time NGAP adopter. It was help Sunday March 4th at Richie's Bar & Grill on Countyline Road in Hatboro. Everyone had lots of fun. There was a large poster board of greyhounds available for adoption with photos and a large write-up about Cameo's accident and her surgery. When all was said and done, Cameo's friends raised 1,256.00 for National Greyhound Adoption Program. The money has been specifically marked for the purchase of new doors for our new kennel. The money will pay 20% for 30 6' x 8' sliding doors coming to us soon.

Buying a new car? Don't know what to do with the old one? Donate it to NGAP! All donations are tax deductible and your donations help the greyhounds! We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Boarding at NGAP

In case you've forgotten, greyhounds and some of their non-greyhound friends can board with us while you are on vacation. In addition to receiving income from boarding, it's an opportunity for your greyhound to pass through our health system. Ear cleaning and nail clipping are complimentary and included in our fee, but you can also opt to have your dog's annual shots done, have a check-up, dental cleaning or touch-ups or extractions and baths. Since our vets and staff constantly care for greyhounds, we may be able to see things that you and your primary vet may not. You'll find our rates most reasonable. It's like summer camp for your grey!

The Numbers Are Looking Good

Each month our office receives the Greyhound Review, which is the magazine for the National Greyhound Association. One of the things that the Greyhound Review reports is statistics of the number of breedings each year, the number of litters and the total numbers of greyhounds born.

It really makes me feel good to report that according to NGA statistics, there were less breedings this past year than 20 years ago: 4,773 litters.

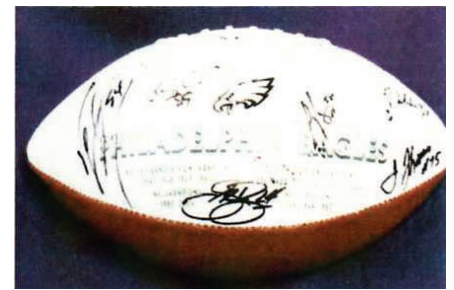
In 1988 there were 13,275 litters. That equated to 37,784 puppies born as opposed to 4,773 litters and 22,951 puppies in 2006. The highest number was in 1993 when 39,139 greyhounds were born.

The numbers don't lie. There has been a substantial reduction in the number of greyhounds running as opposed to 20 years ago. I would say that's a significant difference. Certainly the numbers are moving in the right direction.

Quite a Football!

We all remember last years great Eagles season and how close they came. Mike Saks, longtime adopter and volunteer, took it upon himself to get into places and go to places where he could find Eagles players AND get their signatures on the football. After he had amassed twenty-six signatures, including great walk-on player Vince Papali made famous by the movie invincible, he donated the football to NGAP as a fundraiser. We managed to raise quite a bit of money selling these raffle tickets! Of course sales were better as we approached the Superbowl, but after the Eagles failed, they waned off. Congratulations to our winner, Brian Pankmeyer.

Who will step up to get the next signature football??? Thanks again Mike Saks!



The football is signed by the following players: #14 AJ Feeley, #7 Jeff Garcia, #28 Correll Buckhalter, #34 Reno Mahe, #81 Jason Avant, #80 Hank Baskett, #86 Reggie Brown, #89 Matt Schobel, #73 Shawn Andrews, #69 John Runyan, #90 Darren Howard, #98 Mike Patterson, #75 Juqua Thomas, #96 Omar Gaither, #57 Chris Gocong, #55 Dhani Jones, #54 Jeremiah Trotter, #24 Sheldon Brown, #21 Will James, #32 Michael Lewis, #27 Quentin Mikell, #26 Lito Sheppard, #46 Jon Dorenbos, #2 David Akers, Coach Andy Reid, Alumnus Vince Papale.

Pinkham Pet Photography

Since taking portraits of their greyhounds Suky & Nomy, Ashley Peel Pinkham and Andrew Pinkham have decided to start a new branch of Andy's commercial photography business devoted to portraits of people's pets. They will be donating 20% of the proceeds to NGAP from all commissioned portraits referred through us. Below are two samples and contact information for pet portraits.



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The Dangers of Grapes & Raisins

This article was forwarded to us by Janet Fittipaldi.

Written by:

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This week, I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 year-old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30am and 4:30pm on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking at around 1am on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7am. I had heard somewhere about raisins and grapes causing acute renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet and the doctor there was like me – had heard something about it, but....

Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give him IV fluids at 1 ½ times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours. The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen area) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. We recheck the renal values at 5pm and the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At this point, I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care. He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different ant-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorous was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220. He continued to vomit and the owners' elected to euthanize.

This is a very sad case – great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said that as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats, including our ex-handler. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.

New Treatment to Prevent Periodontal Disease

Pfizer Animal Health is marketing a new vaccine to help promote better canine dental health and prevent periodontal disease. Given in two initial shots, this vaccine is to be used after your dog's teeth have been cleaned and then is recommended as an annual booster shot.

Pfizer prefers that this vaccine be given to younger dogs with no dental issues to be effective. National Greyhound Adoption Program has been giving this shot to all of its newly adopted greyhounds for the past several months.

Below is part of the advertisement brochure that Pfizer Animal Health uses to promote this vaccine. It is interesting to note that a greyhound was used as part of the advertising.

Now There's a New Vaccine to Help Fight the Destruction Caused by Canine Periodontitis

The Porphyromonas vaccine aids in the prevention of canine periodontitis as demonstrated by a reduction in bone changes. Periodontitis, the most common bacterial infection in dogs, can lead to long-term effects such as tooth loss if left untreated. When used as part of a complete dental care program, you can be confident knowing you are providing the best care for your dog.

Introducing the
Porphyromonas Bacterin
Denticanis-Gulae-Salivosa

The image shows the Pfizer Porphyromonas Bacterin vaccine packaging, including a box and two syringes. The box is white with a yellow and blue design. The syringes are white with blue caps. In the background, there is a circular inset image of a dog's head, likely a greyhound, looking towards the camera.

Tick Removal

This handy tip was forwarded to us in an email from Sam Latimer in Virginia:

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for you. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"

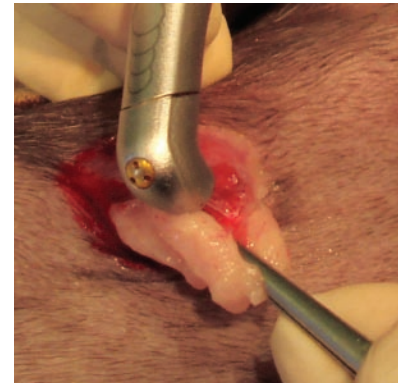
What is this Strange Looking Thing?

It looks like the biggest corn I have ever seen! Medically known as *Hyperkeratosis*, or thickening of the skin, we ran across this ugly looking thing, over half an inch long, recently in surgery. We removed it and used our laser in the bed of the toe. Although I'm sure it must have been very painful for the dog, it certainly makes for an interesting picture! We have never seen the likes of this before and thought it would be of interest.



The Holidays Are A Time For Giving

Please remember National Greyhound Adoption Program. Your donations help all of our greyhounds, both present and future. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Our new laser has so many uses! Here we are using it to remove a fatty tumor on one of our greys.



Never Seen Before

Although we do not see many greyhound puppies, we have seen many Italian Greyhound puppies over the years, and it is not uncommon to see permanent teeth and sometimes baby teeth in those Italian Greyhounds. We recently took in an IG puppy, Romeo, who will be adopted very soon. When we went to neuter him, we noticed that he not only had his four permanent canines, but he also had his four baby canines still in his mouth. The four baby canines were removed as part of the surgical procedure, but neither Dr. Patel nor the NGAP director, David Wolf had ever seen this before. Romeo is a lot cuter with his mouth closed.



The Magic Is Gone-Dewey 2007



NGAP has now attended most of the 12 annual Dewey events. For many years, it seemed to grow almost uncontrollably. Every year, thousands of greyhounds would gather at Dewey Beach, Delaware from all parts of the United States. It is called "Reach the Beach". I would rather call it "A Gathering of Survivors". Greyhounds that are now in adopted homes meet on the streets, in restaurants, in tents, in shops, and most of all, on the beach. The sight of thousands of greyhounds walking the beach each morning as far as the eye can see is a thrill that I cherish each year.

This reunion has often been on a weekend when Mother Nature decides not to cooperate. Rain was very often the norm at Dewey, intertwined with

a few years of good weather. Last year, Mother Nature delivered a Nor'easter. The tents where vendors were gathering their stock for this big event were literally blown away. Some stayed and sold from their motel rooms, others went home disgusted. The worst part of it all was that the organizers decided not to refund any money to the vendors for the tents that they had already paid for. They were fortunate. If I had chosen to be a vendor that year, I would have started a class action lawsuit against them. Their actions were disgraceful. This year they simply did away with the tents and left the vendors to fend for themselves. I'm sure some did not come and will never come again.

Apparently, that feeling rubbed off onto the greyhounds and their adopters. In my view, the attendance appeared to be down as much as 40%. There were not greyhounds and adopters en masse on every street corner, as I had seen in previous years. Although I did not attend the brunch, I believe for the first time in many years that attendance was significantly lower.

This year, NGAP had three awesome storefront locations and we were able to bring in much more merchandise than in previous years. We had our own separate bed store since we were able to purchase two trailer loads of beds from two different suppliers before the event.

Although we did not do poorly, I believe if attendance at Dewey had been similar to previous years, we would have done much better and maybe even set a record. This was not to be, but certainly was not the major disappointment.

Maybe the Greyhound Project should consider turning the event over to professionals that will give Dewey a new stimulus and a reason for people to come back again. It now appears to be spiraling downhill with little future, as with so many ex-racers.

Check out this greyt painted car we saw in Dewey!



My Greyhound is Not Eating

This is a worst case scenario story. Your greyhound is 8 years old. You go on vacation, you come back and your dog is not eating the way it used to. You think maybe it is angry because you were away. It does eat a little, but before you know it, your greyhound is losing weight.

When a greyhound doesn't eat everyday, it's empty stomach will begin building stomach acid. It can't go and get a tums the way you can. It can't even tell you unless you are attuned to listening to the growling of it's stomach, or see it eating grass. If my own greyhounds don't eat, we will force feed them some food to keep their metabolism operational. If they keep the food down, we have little to worry about. If your greyhound isn't eating, drinking, peeing and pooping every day, you have a problem.

We recently did exploratory surgery on a greyhound that had not been eating well for over a month. It's food intake was almost nothing and now it didn't want to eat at all anymore. When the greyhound came to our clinic Thursday afternoon, it was immediately put on intravenous fluids and force fed a can of AD, a high nutrient Hills product. That evening it threw up a small amount of bile but the food was absorbed into the body. In the morning our doctors performed the exploratory surgery and found a massive intestinal tumor totally blocking the intestines. The tumor was probably the size, if combined, of a large grapefruit. There was no way to save this poor grey and he was euthanized on the operating table. The story is not meant to be critical of this dogs owners, but rather to make you more aware of the worst case scenario. If you dog is showing signs that it is not feeling well, take it to a vet immediately. It may not save your dog's life, but it may save it weeks of suffering.



Before



After

Adopting From Other Greyhound Programs

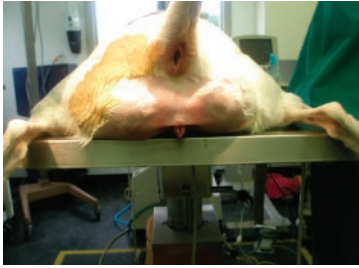
There are now probably over 200 greyhound adoption programs in the U.S. They all provide one thing in common: a greyhound. But after that one common commodity - if you wish to call a greyhound a commodity - there may be a world of difference in what you get. If your greyhound has been neutered or spayed and had its teeth cleaned through your adoption group, you can now begin to make the separation.

For example: Has your greyhound been profiled? When you either select a greyhound, or a greyhound is selected for you, is the match made based on many greys, or only a few? Has your greyhound been cat tested? Has your greyhound received medical treatment, and if so, how should this best be defined?

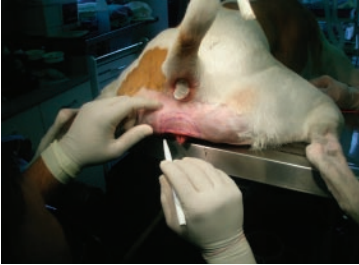
Even if a greyhound has had its teeth cleaned, it may still have a mouth that is in atrocious condition. If your veterinarian is not skilled in dentistry, just cleaning your grey's teeth may be acceptable to him or her. You may get a greyhound that has just had it's teeth cleaned but has significant root exposure and severe periodontal disease. Unfortunately, you probably wouldn't even recognize the signs and may not notice for many years. Then, at some point, you notice the foul odor coming from your greyhound's mouth. Have you been brushing it's teeth? Probably not. Have you been adding something to it's water to kill bacteria? Probably not. Is your veterinarian aggressive in dental procedures? Probably not.

Below are photos of a greyhound adopted through a program other than NGAP. The dog was adopted two months ago. Most of the teeth that you see in the pictures had to be extracted. Your cost - at least \$1000! If your greyhound's teeth are in poor condition and not taken care of in a timely manner, it's health and well-being is significantly diminished. We know through years of experience that the dog that has 25 extractions, as opposed to a mouth full of rotten teeth, will feel like a different dog and will act like a different dog. It will eat and be healthy and that's the most important thing!

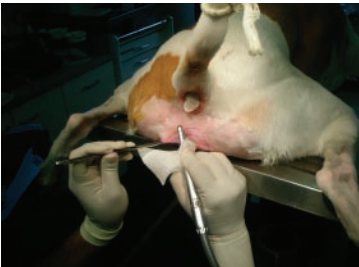
The next time you go to a greyhound adoption program, lift your prospective greyhound's lip, look at its teeth (especially the back ones), and see if you see what is shown in the above picture. If you do, ask them why they would adopt a greyhound to you with such bad teeth. End of story.



Pre-surgery



Marking the site.



Getting ready to laser cut.



Top line cut. Now cutting bottom line.



Cutting tissue away.

GENERICALLY CALLED THE VULVA TUCK

Everyone has seen people after they lost considerable amounts of weight where they have excess areas of skin hanging on their body. After substantial weight loss, people will then go in and have cosmetic procedures to get rid of this extra flap. With female greyhounds to some degree it is similar but to a greater degree it is significantly different.

Over the years, we have seen many female greyhounds that have extra skin over their vulva area and this will often create a problem where they get yeast infections. The area becomes irritated and they often have topical infections. As one adopter said, "She had to use more wipes on her greyhound than she did on her child!"

The procedure to correct this problem, called *episioplasty* or *vulvoplasty*, is not cosmetic at all but therapeutic and truly ends the problem forever. Every adopter whose dog we have done this procedure to has always been thrilled. What we are basically doing is removing the extra skin and eliminating the flap.

It can often be a very bloody procedure because the area is very vascular or has many blood vessels that can create significant bleeding.

This last procedure was done with our new Biolase MD, and there was almost no bleeding at all. The area may be sore for a short period of time but the long term is extremely beneficial. We do not consider it a high risk surgery and suggest greyhound adopters that have greyhounds with this problem have it taken care of.

Using the laser significantly reduces the bleeding because as you are cutting, you are also cauterizing. Additionally, you are sterilizing the area immediately surrounding where you are cutting. The photos show the procedure step by step, and the ultimate result.

We know a few veterinarian facilities that are aware of the procedure and have done it. With proper technique it is very safe and certainly worth while.



Cutting more tissue away.



Cutting yet more tissue.



Ready to suture.



Immediately after surgery.



Two weeks post-surgery.



One month post-surgery.



A New Product to Help the Oral Health of Your Dog's Mouth

The National Greyhound Adoption Program has begun using Biotene, a new product that you simply add to your dog's drinking water.

Aside from the fact that this product really seems to work, it is also easy to use! Simply squeeze the pump the appropriate number of times into the water, as indicated on the bottle, and you are done! The liquid is colorless and odorless and your dog won't even know it is in the water.

Don't expect this to work if your dog's mouth is crummy to begin with. It works best on dogs that have just had a dental or had a nice clean mouth to begin with and will help maintain that condition by killing the bacteria in their mouths. Plus it makes their breath smell great!

Biotene is available from the National Greyhound Adoption Program or at Dewey for \$15.00 per bottle. Shipping is additional. It's a lot less painful for your pup and your pocket!



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Makes a Difference to Us.*



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Does Your Dog Suffer From Aches & Pains?

G3 is a product that the our Director uses on his own dog. He is so impressed with it, that he is recommending it's use for all dogs with joint-related problems. We have had overwhelming success. It is available at NGAP in a variety of sizes and in granular, tablet and chew form. The information below is given by the company. We truly believe in this product.

SOFT CHEWS	CHEWABLE TABLETS	GRANULES
120ct: \$40.00	90ct: \$50.00*	480g: \$40.00
240ct: \$70.00		960g: \$70.00

Synovi G3[®] Products for Joint Wellness

Synovi G3[®] Soft Chews
Available Sizes: 120, 240 count

Synovi G3[®] Chewable Tablets
Available Sizes: 180, 240 count

Synovi G3[®] Granules
Available Size: 480, 960 gram

Synovi G3[®] Low Allergen Granules
Available Size: 960 gram

	Supply for 30-60 lb Dog*	Supply for 60-100 lb Dog*
Synovi G3[®] Soft Chews	120 chews 4 months 240 chews 8 months	2 months 4 months
Synovi G3[®] Chewable Tablets	180 tablets 6 months 240 tablets 8 months	2 months 4 months
Synovi G3[®] Granules	480 gram 4 months 960 gram 8 months	2 months 4 months
Synovi G3[®] Low Allergen Granules	960 gram 8 months	4 months

*Maintenance Administration

Synovi G3[®] - The Ultimate Wellness Program

Synovi G3[®] is available in three different forms to satisfy every dog's individual taste: chewable tablets, tasty soft chews, and granules. They are all flavored with our exclusive liver formulation, and their palatability for your dog is guaranteed.

Even dogs with food allergy can get the joint support they need to improve their quality of life. Synovi G3[®] Low Allergen is a hypoallergenic formulation of Synovi G3[®] without any of the common canine food allergens, but with the same active ingredients as the other Synovi G3[®] products.

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100% Palatability GUARANTEED

If you are not completely satisfied with the palatability of Synovi G3[®], IVX Animal Health will unconditionally replace any product returned to the veterinary clinic where it was purchased.

*90 count chew tabs has a higher concentration than the chewables.

How Do I know If My Dog Has Periodontal Disease?

Please consult your veterinarian if you notice that your dog has any of these symptoms:

- Bad breath (one of the first signs of periodontal disease)
- Red or swollen gums
- A yellow brown crust near the gum line
- Loose or missing teeth
- Discomfort when mouth or gums are touched
- Possible decreased appetite or weight loss due to difficult chewing

IF I HAD A WISH LIST

If I had a wish list, actually I had this wish for a long time, that someone that everyone knows and everyone likes that is rich and famous would adopt a greyhound and then actually become a spokesperson for the greyhound cause.

Part of my wish had come true we now know that J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter Book Series has adopted a greyhound where she lives in Scotland. Who better than this writer, known by all and even apparently liked by all from very humble beginnings to surely a person of great wealth and influence.

I included below the e-mail posting about her adoption and the photos that have been e-mailed as well.

If I had another wish, I guess it would be that she would write a book about her new greyhound Sapphire.



THE HARRY POTTER PAGE

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Something magic happened in our kennels a few days ago. A very nice lady booked an appointment with us with a view to adopting a female Greyhound, to go with her male Jack Russell terrier Butch. We asked her all the usual questions including how long the dog would be left alone and she told us that she worked from home. Her husband and her lovely family and Butch were there. They finally found a little blue girl who got on great with Butch and it was love at first sight. One could see that they were a very kind family and their body language with the dog was marvellous. The family all agreed upon the little girl Sapphire and the lady completed the adoption form, signing her name, JK ROWLING. A very private but wonderful lady. We asked her if she would send us a picture for our website. She kindly agreed and here are some photos of a very happy Sapphire.

Celia's Greyhound Rescue is a small sanctuary for Greyhounds situated near the village of Kinghorn in Fife, Scotland. It is run by Celia and Jimmy and always has a small number of lovely Greyhounds available for rehoming, plus sadly, a constant waiting list of incoming dogs.

JK Rowling Adopts An Abandoned Greyhound

Oct 9, 2007 By Jenny Morrison

Potter Author Adopts Hound and Donates Magical £1000

The owner of a greyhound rescue centre was left spellbound after JK Rowling offered to rehome one of their dogs and handed over a cheque for £1000. Celia Fernie said she had no idea at first that the woman who arrived with her family to view the abandoned greyhounds was the Harry Potter creator. And she questioned the woman – who introduced herself by her married name of Mrs. Jo Murray – on whether she could provide a loving home for the dog. She told how she agreed to allow “Mrs. Murray” and her family to have the dog after she provided photographic evidence that that her home had a large garden – with a wall at least six feet high. Mrs. Murray assured her she would be able to lavish the dog with constant love and attention because she “worked from home.”

Celia, 61, runs Greyhound Rescue Fife in Kinghorn, with her retired lecturer husband, Jimmy, 70. Rowling arrived at the centre with her husband, Edinburgh GP Neil, her three young children and the family's pet dog – a Jack Russell named Butch. The Fernies only realized who the famous visitor was after the family had chosen a four-year-old bitch named Sapphire. Mrs. Fernie asked the family for a £30 donation to meet the cost of the dog's muzzle, lead, non-slip collar and vaccinations. But she was stunned when the author – who is believed to be worth £545 million – wrote a cheque for £1000 and signed it JK Rowling.

Celia said, “When I looked at the amount written on the cheque, I couldn't believe it. Then I spotted her name and realized who it was. I just said, “Oh, I didn't recognize you.” She just smiled politely.

“When I recovered, I asked her if she would send a couple of pictures of her and Sapphire for our website. She said she would, and a few days later, three pictures arrived of Sapphire at her new home.”

Celia told how the author had phoned days earlier to book an appointment to see abandoned dogs. When they arrived, the family walked around the stable block they use as a rescue centre, taking time to look at each greyhound. Celia said they seemed to fall in love with Sapphire after the dog made friends with Butch and the family. The centre owner added: “She had a lovely way with Sapphire – they all did. Even before I knew who she was, I was sure she would be a much loved and spoiled dog.”

Greyhound Rescue Fife, who rely on donations and volunteers, have rehomed more than 100 greyhounds since they were set up in 2005.

HALLOWEEN

On October 30, NGAP adopter Susan Scully had family, friends and dogs, Maya and Lily participate in the Middle Township Halloween Parade. The girls and dogs stole the show having won five trophies! Susan's daughter, Mackenzie, won 1st place and greyhound Maya won 2nd Place for Most Original Costume, Ages 10-12 dressed as Demon and Star Child from KISS. Dressed as Zombie Ballerinas, family friend Mackenzie H. won 1st Place along with Sue's greyhound Lily taking 2nd Place for Scariest Costume, Ages 10-12. The four girls also took home a trophy for "Best Small Group."

The whole group marched for an hour in the parade through the town "with Maya prancing right down the line in the middle of the street as she always does in parades loving every minute of all the attention, clapping and cheering," according to Sue. Sue also distributed 100 brochures for NGAP at the parade to interested parties.

Pictured are Maya and Lily showing off their trophies for Most Original Costume and Scariest Costume, respectively. Maya proudly dedicates her parading efforts and her trophy to "Starry" (adopted by Sami Abate) who sadly passed away on August 15, 2007. Starry was Maya's parade companion and costume buddy for 7 years and is dearly missed by all.



Any greyhounds and their adopters living in Cape May County, or close to it, who would like to participate in Meet & Greets, parades, fairs, shows and many more fun activities in the area, should contact Susan Scully at slscully@scullystudios.com.



More incognito greyhounds trick or treating for NGAP in Smithville thanks to our GREYT volunteers!



We are all very fond of Hurricane. He has been awesome with our kids. Our kids (and us) love him very much. He is just a little spoiled, it is completely our fault!
-The Sinons



Iceman loves his NGAP Bolster Bed so much, that he can't even wait for the cover to be washed!



Gus and his two new friends, Scotch & Rye sent to us by the Cali Family in Virginia

10TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Everyone is invited to join the South Jersey Volunteers for NGAP's 10th Annual Christmas Party! We promise it will be the best ever!

Date: Sunday, December 9th, 2007
Time: 1PM
Place: Super Buffet in Cardiff, NJ

\$15 donation per person. Chinese Auction items are always gratefully accepted! As we get closer to the date, please RSVP Merci Riccardi at mercibar@aol.com.



Queen and friend, sent to us by Pat Thomas.

Dear NGAP Staff,

I can't thank you all enough for all you do for the greyhounds, and for the families that adopt them. We brought Rudy home from NGAP on November 5, 2006, and were amazed at how fast he adjusted to life in our home. It was wonderful to watch his personality come out as he became comfortable here! He is so easy-going and so loving. He changed our family life for the better, as we spend more time outdoors now, playing with and walking Rudy. We find joy in the smallest moments with him! What we've given Rudy, he gives us 10 times back. We feel so good about providing him a loving home, where all his needs are met, where he's comfy and happy and treated with the dignity he deserves. This is the life he's always deserved to have, and we're honored to be his family. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Monica Friel & family
Rudy (#6393)



JOIN NGAP'S NEW YAHOO! GROUP!

All NGAP adopters and supporters are invited to join our new Yahoo! Group.

This is a site for sharing knowledge and providing support to and by owners of retired racing greyhounds and for posting events and important information!

The link is as follows:

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/National-GreyhoundAdoptionProgram-NGAP/>

OR

search Yahoo! Groups for:

NationalGreyhoundAdoptionProgram-NGAP



**“JACK” JCK Attila
6/23/93-8/23/07**

Dear Mr. Wolf,

It is with heavy heart that I must tell you that our beloved boy, Jack, “JCK Attila”, adoption #1897, passed away on August 23,2007. It was heartbreaking, but peaceful. My husband, children, sister and best friend were there with us. I was even able to feed him peanut butter, which he thoroughly enjoyed, before the actual procedure. My husband and I stayed with him until the end. It was very peaceful and the vet was so wonderful and comforting. Jack was 14 years old.

We picked Jack up at your Torresdale kennel on the snowiest night of the winter season in February of 1995. He was 18 months old, jet black with just a tuft of white on his chin and the largest overbite we had ever seen in a dog. The kennel personnel called him “Sharkey”. Jack had personality plus and fit right into our family. He was wonderful with children and was loving and gentle. He was a velcro dog and followed me from room to room. He would not leave my side. We adopted his brother “Troy” Greek Metaxa two years later. They were as close as brothers could be. Jack lived the good life. A large backyard, access to all beds in the home and weekends in Ocean City, New Jersey. He loved the ocean and walks in Tyler Park. We attended four Dewey Beach Weekends and we were even

photographed at the “Dogs Day” parade in Ambler. We saw our picture in the Inquirer the next day.

Our family is grateful to NGAP for bringing him into our lives. When the time is right, we will be back to add another greyhound to our family. I have enclosed a picture of Jack which was taken the day before he passed away. God bless you and the work you and your staff do. I also want to thank the Drs. Patels up here in Newtown. They were Jack and Troy’s vets and took wonderful care of Jack during his life.

Sincerely,

Mary Jayne, Thomas, Jon & Alexis Corley & greyhound Troy

Mr. Wolf and NGAP,

I would like to take a few moments to thank you for giving me the opportunity to adopt Kodos (a.k.a. Mercury). Unfortunately, he is no longer with us. The 8 years or so that he was part of my family were the happiest for me, and I am sure it was for him as well. I knew from the moment we met that he was the perfect dog. We were a team. He was always the first to greet me at the door when I got home from work. Even when I was out of town, he would talk to me on the phone when I called home. He would get so excited. He loved going for walks and especially for rides. With the top down on the Jeep, he was king of the world. He must have had a strong magnet too, because we would meet all sorts of chicks when we were out together. I would not allow my girlfriend in the house until after Kodos gave her his seal of approval. He was pampered, for sure. There must be half a dozen beds around the house plus various blankets and pillows for him. The women at the pet spa are going to miss him also. He was always a favorite client. He always knew how to sucker me into giving him a treat. Two years ago, we adopted LaTanya. She brought him happiness and companionship. We will miss him greatly. Thank you so much for everything. I love you, Buddy!

Best Regards,
Mike Doucette

**KODOS
April 1993-
March 2007**





Ode to Sienna

Written by the Newbern Family

*You had the biggest heart, though you were small in size,
 And tiny white lashes on big brown eyes.
 No matter whom you met, even if they scoffed,
 Once you leaned against them they'd exclaim, "She's so soft!"
 "She's so sweet!" and so gentle, your head curled up in their lap,
 You could turn non-dog people into dog saps!
 You could empty an upright trashcan without getting caught,
 And shred every tissue in the house that you sought.
 You could always find our hidden candy - you were no dummy,
 But you never checked for the wrappers stuck in your tummy!
 You weren't very fond of eating in one place,
 And after every meal you'd use the carpet to wipe your face.
 Your bath times were always entertaining to us,
 When you'd run around like a crazy dog, making such a fuss.
 You were loyal and friendly, but how you loved to run free
 And you'd always react as if, "I knew you'd find me!"
 We loved you so much and we'll miss you badly.
 You were our second grey that we lost, sadly.
 We gave you a good life, a second chance, I guess,
 But you gave us much more.
 You were the best!*

SIENNA
June 1997-
August 2, 2007



The Gift of Life, The Gift of Death

Those of us who have adopted a greyhound have undoubtedly 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. It is our greatest hope that we have brought as much pleasure to its life, as it has to ours. However, the time will come when your pet will not feel well, but it will not be able to tell you. By the time you realize it, its health will most likely be failing. 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 ourselves would feel over the loss of our greyhound, then it is time to give your beloved friend the final gift - the "Gift of Death." To prolong the life of your greyhound when the quality of life is not worth living is unfair to the pet who has given you so much happiness and love. Without any undue pain or suffering, you can bestow your greyhound with this final gift. It is always a difficult choice, but as a true memorial to the greyhound you have lost, you can always give another greyhound "Gift of Life" and start the circle anew.

Gone but Never Forgotten

For a \$50 donation National Greyhound Adoption Program will add an engraved nameplate with your deceased greyhound's name and adoption number to our Memorial Plaque. This plaque will be displayed in our new building once it is completed. Each nameplate is 3"w x 1"h and your \$50 donation will go towards our new building fund. What better way to honor the memory of your deceased pet by making it a permanent part of the organization which enabled it to have such a wonderful life and that will continue to save the lives of so many more greyhounds?

If you are interested in having your greyhound's name added to our Memorial Plaque, please send a \$50 check along with your greyhound's name and adoption number written in the memo section along with GH Memorial.

Unfortunately Some Vets Don't Have A Clue

I often see or hear about some of the chatter on the various greyhound chat sites, but we are just too busy every day to follow and respond to most of the things we may well disagree with, but in the particular case that I write about below, the inconsistencies with the truth as opposed to fiction was just too great. And my desire to become an inventor has now come to the fore. Here is the original post by Dr. Feeman taken from GreyTalk:

I personally wouldn't go to NGAP. They offer great prices but they perform many questionable practices.

- 1. They only intubate dogs for dentals if they have extractions. When teeth are being scaled, an ultrasonic scaler is used which also kicks out water. A sedated animal still maintains some laryngeal reflex but imagine being sedated and then having bacterial filled water poured down your throat. An endotracheal tube helps to protect your airway from fluid and is also much safer than not having one b/c it protects the airway. Many owners are fooled into thinking that general anesthesia is more dangerous than sedation... not always true. NGAP uses most Domitor for sedation and then reverses it. I love Domitor but this is not an appropriate use for it and if your hound has any heart problems, Domitor is NOT safe at all! It isn't uncommon to see a heart rate in the 20s for greyhounds given Domitor. A healthy greyhound may be able to tolerate this just fine but one with a bad heart or borderline kidneys could have serious problems.*
- 2. They often perform "standing dentals" where no sedation is used. There isn't a dental specialist in the world that recommends or endorses this procedure.*

I discussed my "issues" amongst others with NGAP's director and his response was that they didn't really care that they knew more than any specialist. This is also a group that routinely supplements shy greyhounds with Soloxine regardless of thyroid levels and has other questionable practices. I commend the group for their work in greyhound adoption but I have reservations about the medical care provided unless they have changed these practices recently.

Here is our response:

This is a response to the derogatory and ridiculous allegations made by Dr. William Feeman III regarding procedures done at National Greyhound Adoption Program's clinic facility in Philadelphia, PA. I would first like to state that Dr. Feeman has never been to our facility and subsequently has not seen us at work, nor has he seen the results of our work or the post-op conditions of the dogs we work on. What we do at NGAP, we do successfully, we do because it works, and we do more of it than any one else in the United States, as it applies to greyhounds. In one of Dr. Feeman's mis-statements, he writes about our use of Domitor. We at NGAP are well aware of the potential concerns in regards to Domitor, as well as other potential anesthetics, but keep in mind that we have used it about 8,000 times. We are one of the largest users of Domitor in the U.S. Domitor is used to induce sleep. It is more convenient and less expensive in comparison to general anesthesia, and we find it to be very effective. So far, none of the 8,000+ greyhounds that have been anesthetized with Domitor at NGAP have died. 8,000 to zero odds is a pretty good reason to use it. If it was not good and if we did not get good results, we would not use it.

An even more ridiculous statement made by Dr. Feeman is that, by not intubating our greyhounds, they are at risk of ingesting bacteria-laden water into their airway. When the dogs are having their teeth cleaned, they are on their side, generally with their head in a lower position than their body. Water follows gravity, which means that it flows away from the air tube. If by chance some of our dogs have ingested some bacteria-laden water, considering we do at least 1000 procedures annually this way, we have yet to find any dogs having any ill effects from it.

I suspect everyone reading this has been to the dentist. I am sure that while sitting in the dentist's chair in a reclining position, your head in just the perfect position to ingest bacteria-filled water, that some has actually gotten down your throat at some point or another. I, myself, have my teeth cleaned 4 times a year, sometimes ultrasonically. Water is spraying everywhere! Even with suction, some of that water does go down my throat and I have lived to talk about it.

Perhaps, Dr. Feeman is also not aware that National Greyhound Adoption Program is the only veterinary clinic in the U.S. currently using a Biolase MD. The Biolase MD is a \$65,000 human dentistry laser. It is used for both hard and soft tissue applications. We use this laser to go deep into periodontal pockets, cleaning them out and establishing good blood flow - a procedure that helps in reattachment of the gum tissue to exposed root. We also use it to desensitize root exposed teeth and then smooth this exposed root surface with a specially modified bonding process we have developed. There is really nothing else quite like it.

Dr. Feeman is also critical of our use of thyroid supplement and our lack of monitoring thyroid levels. This is also incorrect. Probably no one in the world has done more T4 tests on greyhounds than we have. We do it to determine a base level. We administer thyroid supplement after seeing clinical signs that a dog has low esteem, is shy, is storm phobic, or is a spook. The use of thyroid supplement in appropriate doses has significant benefit for most of them. In the decade plus that we have been using it, we have seen no adverse affects through long-term use. My own blue greyhound Phantom got his name from the track for a reason. He is been on thyroid supplement since we got him. We have not changed his name, but he acts and feels so much better. If it didn't work, we wouldn't do it. If it had adverse affects, we wouldn't do it.

In spite of what Dr. Feeman learned in veterinary school, we do things that work and do not harm greyhounds.

After dictating this response while driving home, I thought perhaps I had been misguided. For the last 18+ years, I have devoted much of my life to finding homes for, caring for, and being an advocate for greyhounds, and hopefully being a leader in medical treatment of them. I really should have been another Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway Transportation System and many other inventions that changed lives for the better for people around the world. What this world needs is an upside-down dental chair for humans. Just by pushing a button, your body and head will immediately be strapped to this modernistic chair, with your mouth held in an open position. By pushing another button, the chair will raise, flip over, and tilt your head in a downward position, all in smooth systematic movements. The dentist will slide under the chair, wearing a small umbrella-type hat, as if he was changing oil in a car. But, no! He is preparing to ultrasonically clean your teeth, knowing that not one drop of bacteria-filled water will enter your airway. Of course, now he is at risk! Is this my true calling?

Dr Feeman, you've got it all wrong!

NGAP HOLIDAY SALE DEALS

WE ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR SALE. YOU CAN PURCHASE ANY OF THESE ITEMS VIA MAIL ORDER. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 215.331.7918 TO ORDER!

T'S & GOLF SHIRTS

Select T-Shirts	\$5.00
Select Golf Shirts	\$5.00
Golf Shirts	\$15.00
Greyhound Wrap T-shirt	\$10.00
Fast Friends S/S Shirt	\$5.00

DENIM SHIRTS

Wht Denim L/S Shirt-Adopt A GH	\$20.00
Wht Denim Adopt A GH (F/B)	\$25.00
Wht Denim I Love My GH (F/B)	\$30.00
Bl Denim L/S Fast Friends (F/B)	\$25.00
Bl Denim L/S I Love My GH (F/B)	\$25.00

SWEATSHIRTS

Stack Greyhound (160 stitches)	\$35.00
My Greyhound Adopted Me	\$25.00
GHoSweatshirt & Pants Set	\$35.00
Embroidered Close-Outs	\$15.00
Good Greyhound/Bad Greyhound	\$15.00

CLOTHING ACCESSORIES

Socks	\$7.00
Cumberbund & Bow Tie Set	\$30.00
Greyhound Ties - 100% Silk	\$20.00
Greyhound Scarves	\$35.00
Greyhound Suspenders & Tie	\$35.00
Greyhound Wool Hats	\$5.00
GH Baseball Caps	PRICED AS MARKED

JACKETS

I Love My Greyhound	\$35.00
Adopt A Greyhound	\$35.00
Stacked GH (160,000 stitches)	\$45.00
Greyt Volunteers	\$35.00

VESTS

Assorted Fleece Vests	\$15.00
Puffy Vests	\$35.00

BOOKS, CALENDARS & CARDS

2008 Greyhound Calendar	\$10.00
2008 Greyhound Datebook	\$15.00
Leo Book	\$13.00
"Reina the Galgo" pub. 1981	\$15.00
Greyhound Puzzle Book	\$15.00
Greyhounds for Dummies	\$5.00
Greyhound Cookbook	\$5.00
GH Address Book from England	\$20.00
Address Books	PRICED AS MARKED
Greyhound Survivors	\$16.00

BOOKS, ETC...(CONT'D)

Paco & Carlos X-Mas Cards	\$10.00
Holiday Stroll X-Mas Cards	\$16.00
Greyhound Birthday Cards	\$6.00

FOR YOUR PET

Premier Gentle Spray	\$60.00
G3 Joint Supplement	PRICED AS MARKED
Muzzles (Made in China)	\$5.00
Muzzles (Made in USA)	\$12.00
IG Belly Wrap	\$15.00
Grooming Mitt	\$3.00
Canine Lullabies	\$10.00
Paw Plunger	\$15.00
Nylabones (don. per package)	\$2.00
Greyhound Round Bolster Bed	\$45.00
Greyhound Square Bolster Bed	\$35.00
Frontline Plus 6 Month Supply	\$55.00
	2/\$100.00
Stainless Steel Bowl	\$5.00
GH Coat w/ Wrap-Around Waist	\$15.00
Retractable Leash	\$10.00
Adopt A GH Leash & Collar Set	\$15.00
Asst. Martingale Collars	PRICED AS MARKED

DECOR

Beautifully Framed Prints	\$15.00
Historic 1924 GH Racing Print	\$30.00 (matted)
Framed Greyhound Picture	\$175.00
Assorted Greyhound Prints	\$4.00
Framed GH Prints	PRICED AS MARKED
Bronze Two Greyhounds Bust	\$500.00
Collage Frames	PRICED AS MARKED
Greyhound Candles	\$4.00
Solid Greyhound Statue	\$90.00
Lenox Greyhound Statues (set)	\$80.00

Greyhound Plant Stand	\$120.00
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Adopt A Greyhound Wristband or Keychain	\$3.00 or 10/\$25.00
GH Tattoos (2 per Sheet)	\$1.00 or 20/\$15.00
Greyhound Pins	PRICED AS MARKED
Irish Coin Greyhound Pendant	\$25.00
Greyhound Magnets (per set)	SM \$4.00 MED \$6.00 LRG \$8.00
License Plate Covers	\$3.00
Lanyards	\$3.00
Candy/Soap Mold	\$5.00
Greyhound Weathervane	30.00
'Greyhound Crossing' Sign	\$5.00

It's that time of year again!

**NGAP
HOLIDAY SALE**

FRI., DECEMBER 7 (3 – 6pm)
SAT., DECEMBER 8 (10am – 4pm)
SUN., DECEMBER 9 (11am – 3pm)

Dutton Road Office Location

This year, our annual Christmas sale will have a big emphasis on bedding that you have not seen before! In addition to the very popular round bolster bed, we now have a rectangular bed with a similar bolster and probably 10 different styles of liner beds and assorted samples that we purchased from Precision Pets in California. Note the picture of some of the beds we will be offering that came in from Precision. There is something for everyone!



NGAP NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

My tax deductible contribution is enclosed for (circle one):

Single Annual: \$15.00 Family Annual: \$25.00 Sponsor: \$50.00

Donor: \$100.00 Benefactor: \$1,000.00 Other

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Greyhound Owner: Yes___ No___

Please call about volunteering with NGAP!
Thank you for your donation!

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