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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meet & Greet
Check the website Calendar of Events for dates and times. If you would like to volunteer at a M&G, please let us know!

Greyhound Gala 2012
October 13, 2012

Waukesha County Expo Center Arena

For more information on these events, please visit our website at www.gpawisconsin.org

Gala Wrap Up

Another Gala has come and gone but preparations for next year's Gala are all ready in progress! 2011 produced another successful year thanks to the generosity of our supporters and adopters like

you! Over \$30,000 was raised for the dogs. Awesome work! The commitment and dedication of our volunteers and donors is much appreciated. On behalf of GPA-WI and the greyhounds we serve, **THANK YOU!!**

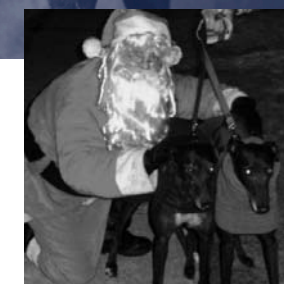


Cover Dogs Kit & Tyra

Photo below courtesy of Grey-Oaks Pet-ography



Kit (JJ Rocky Road) age 5, and **Tyra** (Flying Tyra) age 6, are two sweet ebony girls who live in the Kenosha area with their family, the Straka's. They were the lucky winners of a Gala Bag Raffle containing the Cover Dog auction item allowing them to be featured on our December issue! Congratulations to the Straka Family!



Chili's Fundraiser

In the Gala issue of the newsletter, we included a voucher for the Pepper Partner Program which partner's Chili's Restaurants across the state with GPA-Wisconsin. This program allows 10% of sales to be donated to GPA-WI if you bring in the voucher when you eat at Chili's Restaurant during the month of November and December 2011. We are happy to report that as of this writing, the total amount raised so far is \$373.16. With nearly two more weeks to go, we should be able to shatter last year's total! This fundraiser runs until December 31st. Keep on eating at Chili's and support the Hounds!

Would you like to volunteer with GPA-Wisconsin? Do you have an idea or event that might help GPA-WI fulfill its mission and help our Greyhounds find homes? If so, please contact a Board Member or email in via the website for more information. Thank you!

Happy New Year!

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Tango Conlin	Colonel (Supreme) Klink	Virgil (Chuck) Richardson-Winship
Tyger (Millenium) Curran	Vash (Patch) Kriho	Moody Smars
Tazo (Venture) Dever	Milo (Pacific) Lemke	Willow Soya
Penny Goff	Dancer Louis	Monroe (Mustang) Templin
Zander Graff	May Marks	Essie Wesolek
Larry (Bobby) Hill-Karbowski	Obi (Alex) Miller	The Dude Whitesitt
Wes Holtz	Maida Pinkerton	

Golfing For Greyhounds 2011

Golfing For Greyhounds 2011 was another fun year of greyt weather, greyt golfing and greyt support for GPA-Wisconsin! Thank you to our generous sponsors and donors.

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Dear Kyra,

I have a confession to make. I know we greyhounds come from an ancient line. We have raced, hunted and our ancestors crouched at the throne of Pharoahs, but last night I crossed the line and did a BAD THING. I don't know what got into me. Here's what happened....my beloved people bought a two pound boneless steak for supper. You should have seen it...red, juicy, lean and choice...anyway they had put it on the stove to thaw, right about nose level. Then they did the weirdest thing, they went outside to enjoy the evening air. They just LEFT it there!

This is hard part, Kyra. I took the steak, the whole steak, and ate it in the front room. By the time they came in and gave a shout, only a little puddle of juice remained. Apparently they had not left it for me even though it was RIGHT THERE! What can I do? How can I make it up to them? That steak tasted so good but they weren't so happy. Today they seem to have gotten over it, but I am worried. Should I enroll in rehab? Is there a rehab for this? Do you think they'll give me up? Did they REALLY not

mean for me to have it? I toss and turn trying to nap, which is really bad for greyhound, but still I do not understand. I only hope you can help.

Anxiously awaiting your reply,
In the Doghouse

Dear Doghouse,

Those pesky hoomans are so odd aren't they? This is a case of hoomans not understanding how to protect what is theirs. Unlike hounds, hoomans do not bury their food or carry it to their beds for safekeeping. Instead, they often leave even their most prized catches just lying around unguarded! Hound instincts take over and there you are, eating your hooman's food and lying neck deep in trouble. The solution is obvious—your hoomans need to keep their food in a safe place, and perhaps you do need a little therapy.

My hooman trained me to curtail my instincts. When I walked by the counter and sniffed she would say "NO" in her growl voice and give me that look. If I still persisted the most horrible thing would happen. WATER would shoot out from a small plastic thing in her hand making me WET! It was truly AWFUL! I learned fast to not "counter surf"

when she was around, but then she started tricking me. She would lay chicken or another goody right in my line of sight then seemingly walk away or hide. When I just lifted my head to sniff—WHAMMO—the stream of awful WATER would strike from an unknown location! Well, that was it for me, no more touching ANY food unless it was in my bowl or she gave it to me. I have heard other hoomans have lined counter tops with tin foil, and cans of pennies that fly off to scare us and keep us away. Hopefully your hoomans can help you learn to ignore your instincts and be more mindful of their treasures.

Hang in there,
Kyra

PS-I do not think they will return you for following your instincts. They love you - you are, afterall, a GREYHOUND! However, until your hooman has you trained, I would be especially careful with these howlidays. There are all sorts of DELICIOUS smelling treats and even I am tempted to sniff and sneak a treat now and then. REMIND your hooman how dangerous the holidays are for you and see that they keep things like food, poinsettias and breakables extra secure because everyone slips up sometimes!

In Memory, October – December 2011

These beloved greyhounds have recently passed over. We'd like to honor them by publishing their names in our newsletter. Please let us know if there is a hound who should be remembered. We hope the list is always short. We encourage friends and relatives to consider a donation to GPA or the Blue Fund in their hound's memory. Memorials are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged with a note to the family.

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