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PRESS

19th Annual Greyhound Gala!

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The Gala is fast approaching. We hope you are as excited as we are for this annual event! Inside this issue you will find a schedule, list of vendors, what will be featured at GPA Retail



and much more information. Once again we have a whole day filled with greyt prizes and fun activities for you to participate in, all while we work hard to raise money for the hounds.

All well-mannered hounds and their families are welcome. Please remember to monitor your dog carefully when interacting with other hounds, children or people. And please be responsible by cleaning up after your pet. Thank you and have a GREYT time at the Gala! We look forward to seeing you there!

Gala Logo Contest Winner

Congratulations to our Gala Logo Contest Winner, Jennifer Barnes! Look

for Gala tee shirts featuring this year's image at the GPA Retail Booth, along with many other greyt items! Thank you to all of our artists who sent in entries. We appreciate your creativity and hard work! See Jennifer's winning logo on the left side of this newsletter cover!



Please Update

This newsletter goes to all GPA-WI adopters and others who wish to be on our mailing list. Reach out to us at records@gpawisconsin.org with any changes or updates to your mailing/physical address, name changes, phone numbers or email addresses. It's okay to send an update if you're not sure if we have new information. Cell or other phone numbers are very helpful to us when trying to track down the owner of a found greyhound, so please feel free to share any and all numbers that might aid us in that situation. You can also use the "records" email address to let us know about the passing of a beloved hound, so we may remember him/her in the newsletter and in our records.

Help Wanted!

Looking for Gala donations and volunteers

Calling Gala donations! Every year, we are fortunate to receive a wide range of fabulous items donated by volunteers, supporters and adopters. These donations make it possible for our bag raffle and auctions to be thrilling and successful. This year we have not received the donations we need to have a successful Gala.

Please contact Heather Hunt, Donations Coordinator at (414) 817-2301 or mkegreyhoundmom@gmail.com to coordinate your donation.

The Greyhounds would be extremely grateful and so would we.

Another important piece of making the Gala a success is the volunteers working behind the scenes. We simply could not accomplish all the work that needs to be done to make the Gala a success without the hard work of our volunteers. We are still in need of help to cover some shifts during Gala day. If you are able to work a one-hour shift in a booth, or help with set up or clean up, please contact our Gala Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie, at: tomandstephie@gmail.com or go to the Gala section of the forum and post in the Volunteer Schedule thread.



Gala Reminders

Address Label Reminder

Don't forget your address labels!

This is a greyt way to save time when filling out your Bag

Raffle tickets the

day of the event! It also prevents

those pesky hand cramps from

writing and gives you more time to

shop all of our fabulous vendors!

Don't forget!

Credit Cards Now Accepted

GPA-WI is excited to announce

that we have expanded our ability

to take most major credit cards for

GPA-WI retail, all raffle tickets, and

silent and live auction items! We will

now be able to take payments in

more locations at the Gala (such as

right at the silent auction table) and

we can accept the following credit

cards: Visa, Mastercard, Discover,

and American Express.

So bring those reward-earning credit

cards and party-hardy with your

favorite hounds and their people!

GPA-WI is able to accept cards from

the four main credit card carriers:



What Is the Greyhound Gala?

If you're a new adopter, you may be asking, What is the Gala? What do I need to know about it before I attend?

In a nutshell, the Gala is GPA-Wisconsin's largest fundraiser of the year. The



money raised at the Gala goes toward vet care, boarding fees, and adoption supplies to prepare the Greyhounds in our program for their new homes.

Gala is a fun day of shopping, socializing and prize winning. There is a gigantic bag raffle with hundreds of prizes. You'll enjoy a live and silent auction with some of our most valuable items, as well as pet photography, dog massage, nail trimming, a fashion show, and retail booths to shop for just about anything you or hound could want.

We also have a resale shop for gently used items at a discount. There are games and the Radar Run where you pay a small fee to get your dog's speed clocked — and a certificate to prove it!

The main idea is for you and your hound to have a fun day, all while we work to raise money to support the greyt work that GPA-WI does throughout the year! Consult the schedule on the next page for times and activities!



Admission is free, so you have more to spend on raffles, auctions or stuff you and your hound just can't live without! Shop 'til you drop! It's for the Hounds!

Gala Vendors

Blue Fund: Bandanas

Candy's Collars: Collars and leashes

Canine Massage

Clay Greys: Ornaments and jewelry

Clean Break Cast Covers: Bandage and cast protection

Crazy Collars and More: Collars and jewelry

Fast Jack: Apparel for humans

Garden Greyhounds: Garden ornaments

Gini's Greyhound Fashions: Coats, pajamas

Grey Oaks Photography: Greyhound photography

Greyt Glass: Stained glass art and sculptures

Hope Springs Pet Beds *New Gala Vendor!*

Midwest Greyhound Adoption: Beds, coats, apparel and more

Petlicious Dog Bakery: Baked goods for dogs

Retired Greyhound Athletes: Greyhound items and human apparel

Voyager K9 Apparel: Greyhound coats, tummy warmers, booties and more

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight: Book seller by the author *New Gala Vendor!*

GALAschedule

Everything happening at the GPA-WI event of the year!



All-Day Activities

GPA-WI Adoption Booth: Located in the upstairs mezzanine, featuring some of our adoptable dogs.

Blue Fund Bandanas: Raising funds to assist medical or special needs dogs.

Canine Massage: Pamper your pooch.

Radar Run: Clock your dog's running speed.

Food Vendor: Get something good to eat or drink.

Grey Oaks Photography: Professional photos of your pet. Reservations required.

Nail Trims and Teeth Brushing: Located at the back loading dock. Nail trims \$10/dog. Enzyme-based toothpaste gel and foam teeth brushing \$5/dog.

Event Schedule

11:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Hounds
11:10 a.m.	Group Roo! – A Gala Highlight
11:30 a.m.	Fashion Show
12:00 p.m.	1st set of Bag Raffles Ends
12:30 p.m.	Games
1:00 p.m.	Key Time for Pandora Bracelet
1:05 p.m.	Live Auction – Most Valuable Items
2:00 p.m.	2nd set of Bag Raffles Ends
2:30 p.m.	Costume Contest – Prizes Awarded
3:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Ends
3:30 p.m.	Big Cash Raffle Winner Announced
3:45 p.m.	3rd and Final Bag Raffle Ends

Pandora Bracelet Giveaway

For those of you who attended this year's Golfing for Greyhounds event but were unable to win the Pandora Bracelet, you have another chance! We've added another prize opportunity to the Gala this year.

PANDORA
UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS



We will be selling keys the day of the gala, with 5 keys opening the outer box but only 1 lucky key opening the inner box holding the Pandora Bracelet. We are only selling 75 keys at \$10 each, so be sure to buy your key(s) early for a chance to win the bracelet every woman wants!

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be available at the Gala, but we need your help selling them to adopters or people you know, especially

if they cannot attend the Gala, so we have included some in this edition of the *Couch Potato Press*. Proceeds from this raffle go directly to benefit the dogs! **FIRST PRIZE IS \$1000 CASH!** Ticket stubs can be returned in the envelope provided with a check for the appropriate amount. Donation amount for one ticket is \$5.00 or 3 tickets for \$10.00. Please return any stubs and donations in the envelope provided by October 12th to be included in the raffle drawing. Make checks payable to GPA-Wisconsin.

If you need additional tickets or have questions, please contact the GPA Treasurer Cheryl Millard at (608) 782-5671 or email: CherylKMillard@gmail.com. You need not be present to win, so sell them to your family and friends, too!

New Activity Procedures

Gala games and the Radar Run will

be a little different this year.

Games: All contestants will need to be present at a designated area from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. to participate. There will be prizes for Oldest Hound, Youngest Hound, Shortest Hound, Tallest Hound and Longest Tail. All participants will be measured and entered during that time. Prizes will be awarded immediately afterward. The Grand Prize for Oldest Hound is a brand new dog bed! The Costume Contest will be held at 2:30 p.m. and prizes will be given out for best costume winner and second and third places. There will also be a prize given out for the best twins.

Radar Run: Instead of paying outside, tickets for the Radar Run will be sold in the ticket booth along with Bag Raffle tickets and Photo Packages. When your hound goes to take their turn at the Run, the Run volunteer will collect the ticket you have already purchased. We hope this will make things simpler for the volunteers staffing the event and allow more hounds to participate. All ticket sales are final.



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