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## Changes to GPA-Wisconsin Kennel Operations

As GPA Wisconsin completes another successful year of Greyhound adoption and awareness, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our GPA supporters, volunteers and patrons. Without you, our organization would not continue to flourish, and our ability to continue to place ex-racing Greyhounds in loving, responsible homes would be severely diminished.

As we enter the new millennium, we will have a major change in our operations: although we will continue to wholeheartedly support Greyhound adoption, we will no longer have our adoption kennel facility in Franksville, Wisconsin. The GPA-Wisconsin Board of Directors met in November 1999 on how best to address this situation. While it was clear we would need to alter our basic logistics of keeping Greyhounds awaiting adoption in our own kennel, it became equally clear that there are many quality options available to us, thanks in whole to our supporters, volunteers and patrons:

- Foster homes will play an increasingly important role in temporary Greyhound placement.
- A continued close working relationship with racing kennel management, together with their kind generosity, will allow us additional flexibility in having short-term placement for ex-racers at area racetracks while awaiting adoption.
- An increasing cadre of area veterinarians will allow us additional flexibility with spaying, neutering, and other medical procedures. Dr. Becky McCracken, DVM, one of GPA Wisconsin's founding members, will continue to offer her valued skill and expertise.
- Local boarding kennels have generously offered us short-term Greyhound placement at greatly reduced fees.

*Because of these options, and the dedication and commitment behind them, GPA-Wisconsin will continue to serve the cause we love of being able to offer ex-racing Greyhounds a loving, responsible pet home once they have completed their racing careers.*

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

## From the Editor...

Hello greyhound friends, and welcome to the New Year, new century, new millennium, you name it! You'll be seeing some changes in the coming issues of Couch Potato Press... the first being, er, um, myself. I'm David Baux of Madison, Wisconsin, and I'm the new editor for the quarterly GPA-Wisconsin newsletter here. Katie Traxel has asked me to assume this obligation as she concentrates her time and energies more fully on the adoption efforts and overall GPA-Wisconsin administration. Katie's efforts here will be sorely missed, she's a great resource for any greyhound issue or question, but I'm hoping I can coerce her into a guest column or two! My goal is to accurately convey all of the tremendous happenings going on with GPAW here this coming year. And believe me, there's a lot going on! Please don't hesitate to drop me a line, and tell me what you'd like to see in your newsletter. And, from everyone involved in the GPA-Wisconsin organization, a big hearty thank-you for your interest and support of these intelligent, gentle dogs.

Dave  
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## GPA-Wisconsin has New Address, Phone Number

Due to the group's movement away from the Franksville, Wisconsin area (*see related article, this issue*), GPA-Wisconsin will now receive all of its postal mail from a Madison post office box, and telephone calls will be received by Milwaukee-area voicemail. GPAW volunteers will be retrieving both postal mail and voice-mail messages on a daily basis. The new address and phone number is:

GPA-Wisconsin  
PO Box 2115  
Madison, WI 53701-2115  
(414) 299-9473

## GPA-Wisconsin Announces New, Expanded Website

Our group has revamped its website, and now offers a lot more information for you web-surfers, including information on GPAW's adoption policies, current listing of available dogs, resource information, a discussion group, links to other greyhound-related websites, and much, much more! Point your browser to [www.gpawisconsin.org](http://www.gpawisconsin.org) and join the fun!

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## 1999 5th Annual GPA Wisconsin Greyhound Gala a Huge Hit

Saturday, September 18, 1999 dawned bright and clear as volunteers from GPA-Wisconsin began the setup of what was to be the largest and most successful fund-raiser in GPA-Wisconsin's history. With a cadre of vendors, games, raffles and food, there was something for everyone and every hound. Lots of enjoyment, camaraderie, and just plain fun were the orders for the day. But most of all, thanks to the generosity and patronage of GPA friends, the 5th annual Greyhound Gala was a very successful fundraiser, where we raised almost \$8,000... this represents approximately one third of our annual operating expenses. This event, the only major fundraising event for GPA-Wisconsin each year, helps continue the efforts of placing ex-racing Greyhounds in loving and responsible homes in the greater Wisconsin area. From all the volunteers at GPA-Wisconsin, a big *thank you!*

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 Soupy - Ackerman Family  
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 Spinner - Welch Family  
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QUESTION & ANSWER TIME  
AND OTHER FEATURED ARTICLES!***

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