

In Memory, March 2006 - July 2006

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 Buggy DeNotto
 Wanda Grossman
 Katie Z Harrison
 Ruthie Palubinski
 Shera Pemper
 Rocky Pezzi
 Joe Powers
 Looney Reed
 Princess Snyder-Davenport
 Mason Schiferl
 Tom Schiferl
 Misty Schmidt
 Hurricane Schuller
 Greycie Stahmer

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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5TH ANNUAL GALA LOGO CONTEST!

For the past five years, GPA-WI has been hosting a logo contest for the upcoming Gala Greyhound Gathering. This logo serves as our artwork for the year and is used for promotional items and other retail merchandise sold at the Gala. You can participate in the logo contest and show off your artistic skills by submitting your logo design for our contest. Your design could be used on our t-shirts, caps, cups and other printed materials.

Designs must include, but are not limited to, the following elements:

- 1) GPA-Wisconsin or Greyhound Pets of America-Wisconsin
- 2) 12th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering
- 3) www.gpawisconsin.org

The date of the Gala, October 14th, 2006 may also be included if the designer wishes to do so. Other elements are left up to the artist. The design must be suitable for printing on Gala merchandise.

The preferred format for submission would be a digital file in a high quality format, however, a black and white hard copy drawing is also acceptable.

Please submit your entry no later than August 15th, 2006 to Cindy Dombrowski at cdombrowski@charter.net or mail your hard copy submission to Cindy at: 310 Kent Lane, #203, Madison, WI 53713. The winner will receive a free t-shirt, mention in the newsletter, and GPA-Wisconsin's undying gratitude.



GREYCIE

Would you like to see your beautiful hound grace the cover of our newsletter? Look for this item on our silent auction table at this year's Gala. If you are the top bidder, a favorite photo of your hound could be placed here! Last issue's cover dog was COHEN. His family was the winning silent auction bidder at the 2005 Gala.

THE GALA IS APPROACHING!

Only 77 more days until the 12th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering on October 14th!

Are you saving up your extra cash? Clearing space on your credit card? Are you planning the winning Halloween Costume for your hound? Teaching your dog to roo so they can join the group? Gathering donations from local businesses? Plotting how many raffle tickets to buy and sell?

This year's Gala will prove to be the best yet! We've got plenty of your favorite vendors returning and a few new ones, too. Some really cool raffle and auction items are starting to flow in.

But we need your help! Can you work a shift at one of the booths? Donate an item for the auction? Please contact your adoption rep or meet & greet coordinator to volunteer. Or send a message to the Editor at pauprint@execpc.com or call 262-284-4934 to be referred to the appropriate coordinator.

What's Inside:

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Mark Your Calendar!
**12th Annual Gala
 Greyhound Gathering
 October 14th, 2006!**

at the Waukesha County Expo Center Arena
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ~ Details in our Sept. issue

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Mickey Goes to Schoolby Julie Heise, Rusty & Mickey's Mom, Watertown, WI



Greyhound before. They had lots of questions about the dogs and their life on the track. I explained they live in cages and eat high protein food that ruins their teeth. We talked about fostering a dog and teaching them to go up and down stairs, find out if they are child and small animal safe. They wanted to know how Mickey broke his tail, which I couldn't answer for them. But I did show them how long it should be. I explained that the hounds can run as fast as 40-45 mph and said "when you are in the car with your parents have them show you how fast that is". We also talked about keeping them on a lease or in a fenced in yard and those were the rules. 5 and 6 year olds are a riot, they think of things we don't. While we were there he got white dandruff on his coat. I told them he is nervous and when we go home that will all disappear. That also boggled them.

Mickey was invited to Show & Tell in February at my grandson's kindergarten class in Watertown, WI. We came dressed in our coat because it was cold outside that day. They thought he was so cute all dressed up. Mickey was a little nervous but did a fine job with the kids. He has never been around 17 kids in one room before. The children really liked seeing a retired racer from the track. Most kids have never seen a

Mickey got lots of hugs and my grandson Skyler was very happy we came. I was so proud of Mickey and his excellent behavior. I found Mickey on the adoption link on the GPA website in 2003 and he called to me, "take me home, take me home". I had to have him.

Mickey and I had a great time and he was such a good dog. My little Mickey is so sweet, I love him so much.



Mickey gets a hug from a kindergarten classmate

Bonus Turns 10!

by Kathleen Folz, Bonus & Molly Crackers Mom, Milwaukee, WI

Bonus Folz really knows how to throw a party! A party for his greyhound friends, that is!



Celebration of his 10th birthday was cause for the party hosted by Kathleen, Daniel and Molly Crackers Folz. Greyhound guests dined on a variety of canine cookies, liver cake and pupsicles. Humans had their own cake and snacks, of course. Activities included bobbing for hot dogs, paw painting and a dip in the pool following a walk along Milwaukee's lovely Washington Boulevard. Each greyhound received a birthday bandanna and a bag of treats.

Bonus is greytful to his guests for

their donations of over \$75.00 which have been given to GPA-Wisconsin!

Want to throw a party for your hound? Keep your eyes open at this year's Gala for a raffle package containing everything you need to have a "GREYT CELEBRATION!"

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Do you have an idea for a story or article? Is there some topic you would like to see discussed in this newsletter? Share your ideas with our staff so we can consider publishing it in this periodical. This newsletter, after all, is for you, so your input is welcome.

Please send ideas to our Editor at pauprint@execpc.com or through the webmaster@gpawisconsin.org. Your ideas will be considered for upcoming issues as space allows.

HERE'S WHAT'S ON DECK:
September Issue - ALL GALA!
December Issue -
Communication Between You & Your Hound -- *Are you sending appropriate signals? Are you correctly interpreting your dog's body language? Find out in our Dec. issue*

LOOSE DOG! CAN I SEE YOUR I.D.?

Is your dog wearing proper identification? Have you been meaning to get a tag, but just haven't gotten around to doing it yet?

This spring and summer, we have been shocked at the number of calls received about loose greyhounds picked up by neighbors or good samaritans who were not wearing the proper identification. I can think of at least a dozen calls, several for the same dog on two separate occasions! We all know accidents happen, and sometimes, inadvertently, a dog can get loose, but there is no reason your dog shouldn't have proper I.D. listing his home address and phone number.

Most of the dogs that were found had only their GPA I.D. tag (for which we are very grateful). With no identification of where the dog lives or owner is, people are left to call the GPA numbers, which is an extra step in getting the dog returned safely. In a couple cases, the dog wasn't even wearing a collar! I don't need to tell you how alarming that is!

Please get an I.D. tag for your dog if you don't all ready have one. Your adoption folder should have had a pre-paid postcard to order a tag. All you have to do is fill it out. It can't get any easier than that. Pet stores and big box stores have machines that will make a tag for as little as \$5 while you wait. Believe me, it's money well spent and could save your dog's life. Do it **TODAY!**

Just as a reminder -- never put tags on the "D" ring where you hook the leash. That tightens your dog's collar and could present a choking hazard if the tag were to get caught anywhere. Be safe, and give your dog proper I.D. - it's important!

Couch Potatoes with New Homes March 2006 - July 2006

Greyhound's Name/Family's Name

- Ref Doers
- Eve Eddy
- Ziggy (Cutie) Fearing
- Sadie (GoGo) Garnett
- Magoo Hernandez
- Apollo Howard
- Emma (Stingray) Landers
- Chloe (Cindy) Ligman
- Pete Meek
- Missy (Sissy) Meinke
- Barron Miller
- Laddie Musbach
- Ghost Musikantow
- Bogey (Oregano) Peterson
- Teddy Peterson
- Frazier (Ethan) Rebhahn
- Bones Schweiss
- Dane Sebben
- Oscar Stevens
- Sadie (Squirt) Teuscher
- Bill Topp
- Roses Torres
- Tyra Weckwerth
- Bambi Wetherington
- Jaxon (Jumper) Wienkes
- Kaboom Zueck

PASS THE DIP!



These families have chipped!

- Montana Aberle
- Zenith Alf
- Sammy Guss
- Angel Harrison
- Uma (Angela) Kaufmann
- Gabe Pezzi
- Dugan Schulkers
- Duke Smith
- Babe Snyder-Davenport
- Sam (Gainer) Teuscher
- Toby Weckwerth
- Ralph Wetherington
- Bows Winkler
- Adin Zueck

Congratulations to these greyhounds and their families for starting their new lives together! Cheers!



~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Petco Round Up Days

July 23-August 13

When making a purchase, round up to the nearest dollar. All proceeds will be divided among the participating adoption groups!

Washington Park Dog Days

Milwaukee

August 4th from 12 to 4 p.m.

Bark in the Park

Coulee Region (LaCrosse area)

August 12th

Midwest Greyhound Reunion

Island Park, Illinois

September 9th

Prairie Beach Reunion

Altoona, Iowa

September 15-17

Dewey Beach Reunion

Dewey Beach, Delaware

October 6-9

GALA GREYHOUND GATHERING

(best event ever!) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Waukesha County Expo Center

October 14th, 2006

For more information on these events, check out our Events Calendar page on the Forum at www.gpawisconsin.org