

In Memory, July - October 2006

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.

Willie Banks-Spearman
Wave Banks-Spearman
Rosebud Baux-Jeske
Dessie Kammer-Wozniczka
Jack Kozuk-May
Minnie Marino
Abby Marsolek
Donna Noe
My Cup of Tea Rupprecht
Desi Schweiss
Sophie Stokes
Bugsy Stuntebeck

Here are other ways you can help GPA-WI and the Hounds!

Helping GPA-WI raise money! We are increasing our fundraising efforts so that we can continue to help any hounds in need. It's easier than you think!

❖ **Stop by eBay** and search for GPA-WI to find the greyt items we are auctioning off for the hounds. Auctions happen often and always changing!

❖ Ordering flowers? Order from **GrowerDirect Flowers** and get the freshest flowers while earning

money for the hounds.

**Dial 1-888-321-ROSE
(888-321-7673)**

mention merchant ID 47598. Flowers are 100% guaranteed.

❖ Searching the internet? Use **www.goodsearch.com** and specify GPA-WI as your goodsearch charity to give us a penny for each search. It may seem small, but every little bit helps!

100% of all funds raised by all these methods goes directly to the hounds!

❖ Talk up your hound to people you know or meet -- maybe they'll want a hound of their very own!

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It's time to Gala!

The 12th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering will once again be held at the Waukesha County Expo Center Arena. Hundreds of greyhounds and greyhound lovers will descend upon the arena to support Greyhound Pets of America-Wisconsin by purchasing raffle tickets, buying GPA apparel and supporting our vendors. A listing of some of the activities we have scheduled for the day is on the next page. Times on this list are subject to change, so be sure to grab a schedule of events at our registration table on the day of the Gala which will give final times and locations within the arena.

While each year, we are excited about this event, for 2006, we have

DIRECTIONS: From I-94, exit Hwy J South (exit 294) in Waukesha. South on J to Northview Road, then west (right) to the Expo Center Arena (big dome).

some exciting new additions to the day -- the **Clock Your Dog** booth has returned from some years of hiatus. Think your dog is fast? Test their running skills in this booth to find out for sure! Also new this year is our mid-day **Fashion Show!** Some of our available hounds and loyal supporters will be on hand to demonstrate how fabulous they look in our GPA apparel and other items available or donated by our generous vendors.

We also have a new addition to the **Blue Fund Booth**. While we are still selling bandannas (now known as Gr8Neckware!) to raise funds for medical needs dogs, this year we are also offering Pins4Paws jewelry! Stop over to see all the ways to adorn yourself and your hound while helping out the broken leg dogs.

As in years past, all well-mannered greyhounds and other canine siblings are welcome at the event, however, please remember that not all greyhounds are familiar with small dogs. It is your responsibility to handle your greyhound or other dog

appropriately to make this a safe and fun event for everyone.

Please use caution during dog interaction, and keep your dog on leash and under your control at all times.

This year's very cool Gala design was created by Anne Huss! Thank you, Anne! This fabulous logo will be featured on our 2006 Gala t-shirts in some new fashion colors! Don't delay -- make a bee-line to the GPA retail booth to get your very own Gala tee to show your GPA pride!

We also want to give honorable mention to Deb Generotzky who designed our runner up logo "Did You Hear?" You may have seen the dog whispering in the other dog's ear on our pre-Gala flyers.

Thanks to all the people who submitted designs this year. We had a lot of really good ones to pick from, making it difficult to choose a winner. Greyt job to all our artists!

And now.....**Let's Go Gala!**

What's Inside:

- Gala Schedule, Tips & Tricks Accommodations, Vendors
- Adoptions & Memorials
- More ways to help hounds!

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GALA GREYHOUND GATHERING

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006 • 10 a.m - 4 p.m.

★ ★ List of Events & Activities ★ ★

Admission is free so you can spend money on fun stuff!
Times & activities subject to change without notice.

BLESSING OF THE HOUNDS
11:00 a.m.

GROUP ROO
immediately following the blessing

BAG RAFFLES
12:00, 2:00 & 3:45 p.m.
Buy your tickets and drop them in the bags in front of the gift package you'd like to win. We draw the winning tickets at the times listed above, you take home the loot! We have some really awesome items this year, including more guy stuff, grey jewelry and very cool dog items! You'll want to buy a ton of tickets

FASHION SHOW - NEW FOR 2006
12:30 p.m.
Come see our available hounds and trend setting adopters in the new fashions available at GPA Retail or through our generous vendors.

LIVE AUCTION at 1:00 p.m.
Some of our most interesting and valuable items are up for grabs. Be the highest bidder and be the envy of other Gala-goers.
Featured items: PACKERS TICKETS, MILWAUKEE BUCKS TICKETS, original artwork, bronze life-size greyhound statue, & other grey items!

SILENT AUCTION
Closes at 3:00 p.m.
Keep your eye on these wonderful prizes and be sure to out-bid your competition! We've got jewelry, sports memorabilia, collectible dolls, artwork, tools & more...

BIG CASH RAFFLE - 3:30 p.m.
It's not too late to purchase those raffle tickets! If you received your raffle tickets in the mail, but didn't send them back, bring the stubs and payment with you on the day of the Gala! Or purchase more tickets once you get to the event! Our ticket booth will be open up until the time of the drawing. You need not be present to win (but we do need the stubs to contact you!)

NAIL TRIMMING
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Buy a voucher where raffle tickets are sold and sign up for your time slot to have a puppy pedicure!
Nail trim cost is \$10.

GREYHOUND GAMES & COSTUME CONTEST
Games throughout the day
Costume Contest at 2:30 p.m.
Does your greyhound like to dress up? Enter your pup in the Costume Contest! There are sure to be some little angels and devils in the crowd! Other contests include: Longest Tail, Longest Muzzle, Tallest GH, Shortest GH, Godzilla Game, and the Oldest Greyhound at the Gala! Special events on stage include the Costume Contest, Best Trick & Twins!

ADOPTION BOOTH
Have you been scouting the web site for a new family addition? Adding a second greyhound can happen in the blink of an eye if you fall in love with one of our available hounds. Dogs available for adoption will be noted by their gold bandannas!

BLUE FUND BOOTH
Gr8Neckware & Pins4paws
2 generous supporters of GPA have donated all the bandannas and all the pins for this booth. Proceeds go toward fixing our injured or special medical needs hounds. Stop by to say hello and make a purchase.

MASSAGE THERAPY FOR CANINES
Would your dog like a few minutes of relaxation during all the Gala hub-bub? Come on over for a 5, 10 or 15 minute massage. Your dog will love it!

PET PHOTOGRAPHY
Have you always wanted a professional looking photo of your greyhound? Now is your chance! Whether its Classic & Pristine or even a Glamour Queen, this booth was a huge favorite at last year's Gala festivities. Buy a voucher where raffle tickets are sold and sign up for your time slot to put your pup in print!
Cost for these elegant photos is \$30.

FACE PAINTING
New this year, to keep the little ones (or kids at heart) busy by painting a gorgeous hound on their face!

CLOCK YOUR DOG
See how fast your hound is with an official radar reading!

Couch Potatoes With New Homes July - October 2006

Greyhound's Name/Family's Name

Jet (Gallup) Baade
Penny Bell
Po-Boy (Cat Man Dew) Beres
Bailey (Kyle) Buencamino
Trillian (Bonnie) Christens
Corky Cunningham
Share DuRocher
Tracy Fuchs
Nola (Flirt) Gallagher
Shakey Gruenhagen
Mia Holter
Daisy Johnson
Fancy Johnson
Kiki Johnson
Paddy Maier
Misty Marcisz
Otto (Bravo) Mazepa
Takoda (Celery) O'Toole-Will
Bo Peckham
Winnie Rawson
Suzy Riley
Tucker Schmidt
Eddie Sey
Ruthie Vanne
Anfay (Steve) Zhang



Pass the Dip!

(these families have chipped!)

Sorti Ahlquist-Jakoubek
Comet (Kimmie) Connor
Buford (Wizard) Hanson
Fire Meise
Mouse Resan

ACCOMMODATIONS

With some folks traveling quite a distance to come to this year's Gala, we thought we'd offer some information on where you can stay overnight with your hound, so you can relax, stay the whole day, and enjoy the full Gala event without rushing home!

Several greyhound families are staying at:

LAQUINTA in Brookfield on Friday and Saturday night.
Phone number for LaQuinta is **262-782-9100**

There was a block of rooms reserved for GPA, but you'll

• GPA RETAIL •

GPA Retail will be offering several new and exciting items this year! Save up your \$\$\$ to purchase these items that are just too good to pass up!*

- Gala Logo T-Shirts
- Foster Mom/Dad T-Shirts
- Greyhound Volunteer Tees
- Sweatshirts
- Embroidered caps
- Fleece Vests & Pull Overs
- Screaming Monkeys
- Calendars
- Travel Mugs
- Greyhound Notecards
- Premier collars
- Car Magnets
- Books
- Discount Corner Items
- And much more....

***We accept credit cards!**

definitely want to call and see what's still available since we are getting close on time.

It couldn't hurt to ask if there is a GPA discount, though I believe you had to book your reservation prior to September 29th in order to receive that. Might be worth a try, though.

Join your fellow greyhounds at LaQuinta -- I hear there may also be some type of informal get-together for greyhound folks on Friday evening. Please check the Forum for up-to-date and additional information in the Gala section, or contact Sheryl Clouse at saclouse@charter.net.

2006 Gala Tips

Don't forget to bring your address labels for the gigantic bag raffle, that way you won't have to sit and fill out all those ticket stubs - more time to shop!

Planning to stay the whole day? That can be a long time for a greyhound (you know how much they generally nap!). We suggest bringing a blanket and water or treats so your hound can take a break if needed.

ATM machine is on site and we accept VISA/MASTERCARD. Now you have no excuse to be frugal! Shop till you drop! Remember, on all auction items - bid early, bid high, bid often.

Let's make it a buying frenzy!

After all, it's for the dogs!

Would you like to help out at this year's Gala? Help set up or clean up? Work in a booth?

We could still use a few more helpers on the day of the Gala to make sure all the shifts are covered.

If you think you might be able to work a one hour shift, please call Ellen Paulus at 262-284-4934 or email: pauprint@execpc.com

2006 VENDOR LIST

Beautiful Beaded Collars
Canine Cast Covers
Greyhound Face Painting
Companion Natural Pet Foods
Dogs & Their People
Fast Jack
GPA-WI Retail
Gr8Neckware (Blue Fund)
Grey Oaks Photography
Kathleen Folz Canine Massage
Teaching Dogs LLC
Long Neck Deco
Lynn's Collars
Midwest GH Adoption
Petlicious Pet Bakery
Pins4Paws (Blue Fund)
Retired Greyhound Athletes
Rock Your Pets
Steve Wirth, Artist
Voyagers GH Apparel



**** Please remember that when attending the Gala, your dog(s) are your responsibility. You must clean up after your dog(s) and please make sure your pet is current on all vaccinations. Thank you!**