

## In Memory, December 2006 - September 2007

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.

Carl Albert	Chalk Geier	Klink Martin
Digo Allen	Tinker Bell Grobe	Ziggy Olson-Walters
Dewey August "Max"	Willow Hauschild	Curly Portee
Whitney Bergmann	Roody Hemenway	Kip Sawatske
Ashleigh Beyer	Lindsey Holtz	Rookie Spalding
Tango Carlson	Blitzen Kerby	Secret TenBensel-Schiferl
Ronni Jo Coffey	Acrobat Klade	Flower Wentz
Beanie Deglau	Proof Kletch	Driver Wesolek
Triscuit Donatello	Comet Knoll	Taz Wildt
Allie Forseth	Porgy LaFlex	Katy Winkler
Simon Fortkamp	Roxie Lien	
Sayonara Genzel	Franklin Manion	

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*Editor's Note:* Many of you may be wondering why we haven't had any newsletters during the first part of this year. Many of you all ready know, the editor and printers of this newsletter have had a difficult year on a personal level, which impeded getting any newsletters out until now.

We apologize for our absence and are back on track. Next newsletter will be the December issue. Wait for it!

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## The Gala is Coming!

The 13th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering will 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 inside of this newsletter. 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.

Each year, we are excited about this event, and 2007 is no different! We have a lot of fun planned for the day and we look forward to seeing all of you there. Meet up with old friends, give your adoption rep an update on how your hound is doing, introduce

### 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 (the big dome).



yourself to the people you only know by their forum names and most of all, shop, SHOP, SHOP! and have fun!

As in years past, all well-mannered greyhounds and non-greyhound canine siblings are welcome at the event, however, *please remember that not all greyhounds are familiar with small dogs or other breeds of 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.*

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

**Announcing our logo contest winner...(drum roll please!)....**

**Karen Hertzberg**

Thank you, Karen, for submitting the winning logo! Look for Karen's winning design on our t-shirts and other Gala items. We had many wonderful entries this year and hope to see everyone submit new designs again in 2008!

Please also take a look at the GPA Retail booth for the Children's Logo Contest winner, and other honorable mention logos that you might see printed on other various items!

This year, we are also printing a limited edition POSTER, with a design that was submitted last year. It's so cool, you'll want to make sure to get one! Don't miss out!

### What's Inside:

- Lost Dog Article
- Gala Schedule, Tips & Tricks Accommodations, Vendors
- Home Bakes Treat Recipes
- Adoptions & Memorials
- New Column: Ask Kyra
- Nuts & Bolts: How it works!

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# It Can Happen In An Instant .....By Tonia Powers and Kathleen Folz

**Part 1: How to protect your dog and prevent escapes** *Part 2: What to do if your dog does escape (next issue)*

Although as greyhound owners, we are aware of precautions to prevent our greys from getting loose, the unthinkable can happen. It is our hope that you will read and save this issue, make use of the checklist and tips, and share the articles with family and friends who may take care of your dog(s). Involve everyone in your house in forming good habits that will ensure your dog's safety.

In the blink of an eye, your beloved greyhound can go from hanging out in your back yard to zooming down the street. They may dart out the front door or from the door of the car. A leash may have been dropped. It has happened to most of us. Hopefully you will get lucky and your greyhound will come back to you or be recovered quickly.

These stories are not being shared to point fingers at any particular adopters or owners. Their situations are not unique. They have been kind enough to share their stories with the hope that others will learn from their experiences.

Kathleen and Daniel didn't know about martingale collars when they adopted their first greyhound from the humane society. When two unleashed neighbor dogs came up to meet her, Smiley backed out of her buckle collar and ran away across the street. Kathleen used her happiest voice and called, "Smiley, come here girl." She turned and went back to Kathleen after the other dogs had been called back home.

Toni was carrying packages from her car to her house. As she went through the gate into the yard, her greyhound Cleo darted past her. Toni and her husband searched the area that night with no luck. The next morning, one of Toni's phone calls was to the local animal control. Animal control called her back a couple hours later after picking up a dog that fit Cleo's description. Because Cleo did not have any identification, Toni had to wait 3 long hours until the truck was back at the facility to confirm that it was Cleo who had been picked up.



Jaime let Boxer out as usual one morning. When she let their other greyhound Mel out, she realized that Boxer was not in the yard and saw the open gate. Jaime's mother and father, Joyce and Ken, drove around trying to find Boxer for about 45 minutes. They met at home not knowing what to do next when the phone rang. Fortunately, although Boxer only wears his martingale when he goes on outings, he wears a tag collar at all times. A woman in a nearby park was able to call the family when Boxer approached her.

From this story, you can see how critical it is to have up to date contact information on tags. Remember to update the tag if any of your person-

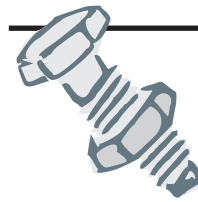
al information changes. If your dog is being watched by someone while you are on vacation, a temporary tag with their information should be attached as well.

Over time many of us have become more complacent and sloppy. Your dog has either gotten away and returned quickly or never escaped, so you have nothing to worry about – right? Wrong! No matter how long you have your dog, and no matter how many times he may get away and come back, we can assure you that each time it happened the life of your dog was at risk. They count on us to keep them safe and healthy. They do not know enough themselves to do that. So what can we do as greyhound owners to help keep our hounds as safe as possible?

The saying goes "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." True enough, but what does that prevention look like? Here are some guidelines.

- Your hound should always be either on a hand held leash or in a secure fenced in area.
- Leave a collar with tags on your dog at all times.
- Microchip your dog.
- Do not enter or exit fence gates while dog is in yard.
- Secure all fence gates with locks.
- Make sure entire fence is secure – no holes or gaps.
- Secure all house doors – teach children and visitors safety rules.

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## The Nuts & Bolts

GPA-WI is a non-profit all volunteer organization. Everyone working for GPA-WI is a volunteer - from the kennel day workers to the people doing home visits and adoptions. Making GPA-WI work takes a lot of hard work from volunteers JUST LIKE YOU! The volunteer opportunities are fun, interesting, and extremely satisfying. If you are interested in becoming involved here is a small list of some of the things we need volunteers for:

- **kennel workers** (walk and groom the hounds, help with socialization and personality assessments of the hounds, and assist with clean up)
- **foster homes** (open your home to a greyhound for a few weeks as they search for their forever home, help the dog get acclimated to home life)
- **event volunteers** (come to events and meet & greets, share your love of the breed with others)
- **crafts people** (donate your goods and/or skills to raise money for the hounds)
- **transportation** (help drive a hound to or from a foster home or medical appointment)

If you have other ideas or skills we would love to know how you think you can help! We're open to ideas! No amount of time is too small and all volunteers are welcome. It takes all of us to keep this GREYT organization running strong. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact your adoption coordinator or any of the GPA-WI board members. We would love to hear from you!

We have also been asked often "Who are the board members?" In order to honor that request, here is a list of our current board of directors and how to contact them.

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Davis



## Ask Kyra...

Dear Kyra--

What is up with the human obsession with "sit?" My mistress is obsessed with "sit" and spends tons of time telling me to do it! What's the big deal? I think I am pretty smart, but my butt just doesn't do that! I can do lots of other stuff to make my mistress happy, like keeping her warm in bed and pottying right away in the rain. Will she still love me if I can't do this?

-- Cheetah

Dear Cheetah,

I have never understood the human obsession with this behavior either- they really are quite fixated on it! The answer is that yes we CAN be trained to sit, but though some greyhounds do it naturally, MOST of us find it HIGHLY uncomfortable. That is why human groups like the AKC do not require us to do it! You see, our hip sockets are so deep and tight that even when we DO sit our butts can't touch the ground. If your human insists, tell her to hold a treat just below your nose and slowly raise the treat while GENTLY pressing on your lower back and saying the command. Another technique is to say the command "sit" while hugging your legs. This puts you into a sitting position which should be rewarded with a yummy treat. Never fear, your human will love you either way, but learning to sit is a greyt way to get yummy treats! By the way, EXCELLENT work on pottying fast in the rain!

-- Kyra

If you have a question for Kyra, please send your letter to: Kyra Clouse  
525 August Hills Drive  
LaCrescent, MN 55947  
or email to: AskKyra@gmail.com

# Couch Potatoes With New Homes December 2006 – September 2007

Greyhound's Name/Family's Name

Slick Willa Abraham  
 Racey Agnew  
 Zack (Frank) Albright  
 Anna (Alma) Bell  
 Spresso (Spirit) Block  
 Charge Bonde  
 Roo-Roo (JustRight) Borth  
 Jimmy Brown  
 Allie (Aleta) Chovan  
 Archie (Romeo) Cunningham-Gohr  
 Darby Dallia  
 Babalu (Calzone) Danz  
 Dory Durand  
 Bootsy Espinosa  
 Creb Filus  
 Shiver Finley  
 Geneva Fraker  
 Jethro Gauchat  
 Tipper Geier  
 Carlton Goldammer  
 Eagle (Egor) Hansen  
 Angel Hayes  
 Quin (Winner) Hertzberg  
 Izzy (Barb) Hodorowski  
 Raika (Twister) Hyland  
 Fonzi Johnson  
 Hunk Johnston  
 Anubis Kern  
 Kelly (Little Dog) Kienahs  
 Minnie (Kadi) Koch  
 Dusty Kozeneski  
 Fame Laursen

Winnie Lawton  
 LuLu (Carol) LeBaron  
 Bud Lowe  
 Clairee Mather  
 Glory McGuinn  
 Devlin Messerman  
 Attila Miller-Wenzel  
 Molly Moore  
 Stella (Stacy) Neuville  
 Tucker (German) Pester  
 Blaze (Jiggs) Phelps  
 Traffic Probst  
 Tank Reigel  
 April Rink  
 Camilla (Time) Saracino  
 Knowski Schewe  
 Aaron Schmoller  
 Trick Seager  
 Bailey Shapiro  
 Fire Smith  
 Boomer Stape  
 Johnny Stokes  
 Sally Turman  
 Izza Vieregge  
 Tay Vlasis  
 Flash Ward  
 General (Delaney) Whelihan  
 Paige Yard

If we have somehow overlooked a dog who should be listed in the adopted section, we apologize. Please let us know so we can include the name in our next issue.



Ashley Agnew  
 Say La Vee Baux-Jeske  
 Tom Dekker-Donatello  
 Charlie Genzel  
 Koosh (Spook) Kim-Pray  
 Enya (Anna) Hansen  
 Dunes Hartman  
 Jack Hauschild  
 Emmitt Hecht  
 Bayo Herndon  
 Ella (Joan) Hertzberg  
 Allie Holtz  
 Ruben Jacobs-Frost  
 Izzy Johnson  
 Kennedy (Paul) Kamenick  
 Moses Manion  
 Jesse (Runaway) Menard  
 Dean Monson  
 Gilligan Nichols  
 Shake Nikolic  
 Star (Marla) Phillips  
 Mara (Mobil) Skoy-Evenson  
 Fallon Smith  
 Luke Smith  
 Gypsy Templin  
 BB (Bear-Bear) Vieregge  
 Bear Weckworth  
 Sophie (Sweety) Wienkes  
 Alma Winkler  
 PeeWee (Ruthie) Winkler

## Lost Dogs - *continued*

- Leash dog and hold securely before allowing dog to exit vehicle or house.
- Wrap the leash around wrist.
- Do not remove leash from dog until dog is in vehicle or house with doors closed.
- Do not open car or house windows far enough for dog to sneak through.
- Secure patio door screen windows with baby gates.
- Periodically check that the martingale collar or harness is fitted properly.

In addition to the items listed above, training your greyhound may also reduce the chance that he will escape. Cues such as sit, down, stop, and wait can be invaluable if you see your dog approaching an open gate or traffic. These cues are among those that you and your dog will learn in a positive training program.

Despite your best intentions, the unimaginable happens and your greyhound is loose. You were not able to recover him quickly (within an hour). What do you do next? Watch for Part II of this article in the next Couch Potato Press.

## The Website Has A New Look!

If you haven't wondered onto the home page in a long time, you really need to make time to take a peak at the new look we're sportin'! Our webmasters have redesigned the site, and given it a face lift. You should find the site is easier to navigate and the information you need is right at your fingertips! Thank you to Bridget, Erik and Tonia for all your hard work!

Check it out at:  
[www.gpawisconsin.org](http://www.gpawisconsin.org)

## Home-Baked Treats Your Hound Will Love .....by Danette Aberle

I started baking homemade dog treats soon after I adopted Annabelle in 2003. I enjoy making the treats and its actually cheaper than store bought brands. With the recent dog food recall, making my own treats gives me peace of mind knowing exactly what goes into them!

You can add or substitute a lot of different ingredients in your treats; bran, oats, wheat germ, flaxseed, and bananas all are healthy alternatives. Don't be afraid to try alternatives or experiment. Or if your dog isn't fond of something, just omit it! Either way, your dog will probably be begging you to bake more!

Two recipes that get 5 paws from my hounds:

### PeaMutt Butter Biscuits

- 2 tbsp oil
- 1/2 cup of peanut butter
- 1 cup of water
- 1 cup of whole wheat flour
- 2 cups all purpose flour

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine oil,

peanut butter and water, mix. Add flour one cup at a time. Knead to firm dough. Roll to 1/4" thick, cut into shapes. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool and refrigerate.

### Cinnabones

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup bran
- 1/2 cup brewers yeast
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsp molasses
- 2 tbsp oil
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350°. In large bowl combine dry ingredients. In separate bowl mix together all the wet ingredients. Gradually add mixture to dry mix & knead dough. Roll to 1/4" thickness. Cut into shapes. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for 15mins or until light brown. Cool. Refrigerate



### Additional Tips:

Because these treats do not have any preservatives, be sure to refrigerate or freeze the extras.

To save time, instead of using cookie cutters, simply score the treats with a pizza cutter prior to baking. After baking and cooling, break into bite-size pieces.

For extra crunchy treats, leave them on the cookie sheet in the oven for an hour or two, or even overnight, so they dry out. Store in ziplock bags.

# GALA GREYHOUND GATHERING

## Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007 • 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 pack you'd like to win. We draw the winning tickets, you take home the loot! We have fantastic items this year, including greyt jewelry and very cool dog items! You'll want to buy a ton of tickets

**FASHION SHOW**  
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 greyt 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**  
Get a beautiful fall or holiday bandanna for your hound. All 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!

## 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

## 2007 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

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](mailto: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!*

## • 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
  - Hoodie Pullover Sweatshirts \*new\*
  - Visors \*new\*
  - \* Zip front hooded sweatshirt jacket \*new\*
  - \* 2Hounds Design Martingale Collars
  - \* Childrens Logo T-Shirts \*new\*
  - \* Pigment Dyed Embroidered Field Bags \*new\*
  - \* GPA-WI Logo Golf Balls
  - Screaming Monkeys
  - Calendars
  - Travel Mugs
  - Greyhound Notecards
  - Premier collars
  - Car Magnets
  - And much more....
- \*We accept credit cards!**



**\*\* 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!**