

## In Memory, Sept.-Dec. 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.

Racey Agnew  
Mister Dexter  
Kramer Gbordzi  
Silky Hinze  
Tibo Lammers  
Laddie Musbach  
Abbie Paulus  
Maxy Price  
Traffic Probst



### Couch Potato Press

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**GREY**



The 13th Annual Gala has come and gone. All the work, all the preparation, all the hype and excitement are over for another year. But boy, this was a good one, wasn't it? There were oodles of wonderful prizes, a plethora of fabulous vendors, and the GPA-Wisconsin Retail Booth never looked better or offered a better variety of items! Big kudos to all the volunteers, adopters and supporters who helped, participated and shopped. Without all of you, the Gala simply would not be the huge success it is. Greyhound Games and Radar Run provided entertainment, and we had several bidding wars that brought an extra level of excitement to the day. The gross profits for 2007 were up by about \$2,000 from last year. That was not only a big surprise, but also something to really celebrate. The money generated will go directly to helping the group assist our adoptable dogs in their quests to find loving homes. So, once again *Thank You!*



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Our Cover Dog, Aleta, was adopted by Peggy and Bill and fur sister Molly in March, 2007. Aleta and her family live in Eau Claire, and were the winning bidders on the Cover Dog Silent Auction Prize! Peggy says they have really enjoyed loving and spoiling Aleta and are happy to be her forever home.

### Winter and the Holidays!

Its that time of year when we have all kinds of interesting things around the house -- wrapping paper, tinsel, chocolate candy and cookies. Its a good time to remember that even if your hound has perfect house manners other times of the year, there may be too many temptations for him to be an angel during the holidays, so please use extra caution and supervision to keep your hound safe from holiday items he should not have. Also, now that winter is upon us, your hound may revert to some undesir-

able house habits. Going potty outside in blowing snow and freezing temperatures is a far cry from the warm breeze of the fall, so your hound may need extra potty breaks this time of year to complete their business in more than one trip. That is especially true if your hound is sensitive to cold. Take Fido out more often, and watch for signs of him being cold or not completing the tasks he should be. Use a coat and booties if necessary to encourage your hound to continue doing his business where its appropriate, and not inside on the rug!

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

Part 2: What to do if your dog does escape

Part 1 of this article discussed precautions to keep our greyhounds safe and secure. But sometimes things do not go as planned. These stories are not being shared to point fingers at any particular adopters or owners. Their situations are not unique. These are true stories that we have personally been involved with, and are sharing with the hope that others will learn from these experiences.

Jewel had been let out often in her unfenced yard without incident. One night she was gone when the family went to get her after an evening potty break. She was missing for several days, and finally wandered into someone's back yard and was caught. The family had seen flyers posted by volunteers in the area and called Jewel's owner to return her.

Tim opened the gate to drop his garbage in the can in the alley. Paddy snuck out the gate behind him. Despite the efforts of many volunteers and weeks of searching, Paddy was never seen again.

Zoom squeezed between Matt's legs while Matt was carrying something out the door. Matt ran on foot after Zoom and then jumped into a good samaritan's car. They were able to follow Zoom several miles before they lost sight of him. Zoom was found deceased a few hours later after being hit by a car, more than 6 miles from where he had last been seen.

Willow and Dahlia went out for their usual morning potty break. When

Jennifer went to let them back in, neither dog was there and the gate to the yard was open. Many volunteers assisted with the search and posted flyers. Dahlia was found 12 days later by someone who had a flyer. She had lost more than 20 pounds while out loose, but has since recovered. Willow was found deceased 18 days later after being hit by a train.

These stories are frightening, and many of them have sad endings. Even if you carefully follow the steps and advice of the previous prevention article, the unthinkable can happen. Your greyhound is loose. What do you do to recover him?

The first thing you should do when you realize that your dog is missing is look for him or her. Most lost greyhounds are found within an hour of disappearing. If you have not found your dog within an hour, stop looking, go home and immediately follow these next steps.

If you have a fence, leave the gate open and place a bowl of food and water in the back yard. In some cases, a dog has returned home on its own. If this happens, you want to be sure that your dog is able to get back in your yard. If you have multiple dogs, please be careful to close the gate before putting the other dogs out.

Contact as many people to help as possible. This step is very difficult for owners to follow when your dog is loose. You want to be out looking for your dog, but you can only cover so

much ground. If your dog was not found immediately, you must stop looking and get the word out that the dog is loose. You need to get as many people in the area looking for your dog as possible. This should include animal control, humane societies, police departments, veterinarians, and GPA. You should include your cell phone number with the information you give. That way you can be reached while out posting flyers and looking for your dog.

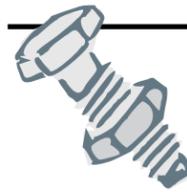
Check with local family and friends to see if anyone is able to help you with your search. Contact your GPA adoption representative or the general GPA line 414-299-9473 or [webmaster@gpawisconsin.org](mailto:webmaster@gpawisconsin.org)

Create a flyer with your dog's name, description, area where last seen, and contact information (see sample at right or contact GPA for help). Make at least 200 copies on brightly colored paper to get started.

Post and pass out flyers as quickly as possible. Fax or drop off flyers with each of the places you have contacted above. Post on corners of busy intersections and ask popular stores to display them. From there, continue to post along side roads and in smaller stores. Do not post on painted poles or stop signs. Talk to anyone and everyone you see and hand them a flyer.

Supplies you should have while posting flyers: cell phone, plastic page protectors (place sleeve upside

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## The Nuts & Bolts

The Nuts and Bolts Section of the newsletter will feature ongoing needs for GPA-Wisconsin as well updates on what is new and exciting.

### December Announcements:

We would like to welcome the newest member of the GPA-Wisconsin Board of Directors, Danette Aberle. Danette coordinates the events and Meet and Greets in the Madison Area. If you would like to volunteer or need to contact Danette, she can be reached at: [baileybirds@yahoo.com](mailto:baileybirds@yahoo.com).

Also a belated welcome to Sue and James Hemenway, who were listed in the last newsletter, and came onto the board in August. They are in the process of taking over our kennel day operations, among other things!

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** At this time of the year many of us are feeling extremely thankful for the blessings in our lives. If you feel so moved to share a bit of your good fortune, here are just a few of the ways GPA-WI can put your money to good use:

- Canidae, 40 lbs — \$38
- Average boarding for 1 hound — \$84
- Neuter a greyhound — \$160
- Spay a greyhound — \$190
- Heartworm Test — \$17
- Rabies Vaccine — \$15
- Tick Panel — \$90
- CBC — \$40
- Thyroid Panel — \$50
- DHLPP vaccine — \$20

- Frontline Plus — \$10 a dose
- Heartguard Plus — \$5 a dose
- Greyhounds for Dummies — \$16
- Retired Racing Greyhounds — \$16
- Childproofing Your Dog — \$10
- Interceptor — \$12 a dose
- Dremel Nail grinder — \$25
- Muzzle — \$12
- Martingale Collar & Lead — \$15
- Nail Trim — \$10
- Wormer — \$5 per dog
- Squawker — \$10
- Crate — \$110
- Coat — \$40
- Computer paper — \$5 per bundle
- Toner for computer — \$23
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If you have ITEMS or SUPPLIES to donate, please contact Sheryl Clouse via email at [saclouse@charter.net](mailto:saclouse@charter.net) or call our 800 number to arrange pick up. In particular we could use Frontline Plus, Heartguard Plus or Interceptor, used or new coats, used or new collars and leashes, crates, phone cards, stamps, the books, etc.

Thank you for considering giving GPA a donation. Every stamp, crate, and dollar donation really does help. GPA-WI is a 501 (C ) 3 non-profit organization. Receipts for donations can be provided upon request.

## Kenosha/Racine Area Adopters

**Volunteers Needed**  
Our dogs are the best advertising, so community events play an important part in getting the word out about greyhound adoption. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the these events please contact Muriel Cunningham at: [mcunningham@wi.rr.com](mailto:mcunningham@wi.rr.com). Support and materials will be provided.

**Meet and Greets in Racine**  
Pet Supplies Plus in Racine would like GPA-WI to have several meet and greets at their store next year. Since the store is quite small, we would have them outside when the weather is nice. Dates and times are very flexible, and we are looking for someone to take the lead on this and work with the store manager to schedule and publicize the events.

**Kenosha Petco Meet and Greets**  
These have been conducted monthly since 2000, and the Petco Foundation donates money to GPA-WI because we have regular meet and greets at their stores. We're looking for volunteers to sign up to attend for certain months. These are usually held from 9 to 11 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

**Harbor Park Dog Walks, Kenosha**  
Looking for volunteers to lead a greyhound walk at Harbor Park in Kenosha in the summer months, to coincide with the Harbor Place Market which takes place on Saturday mornings. Two of these were held last summer and were very popular. Dates are flexible, walks usually begin at 8:45 am and go for about 1-2 hours.

## Thank You Gala Business Donors!

Each year, hundreds of individuals and businesses come together to donate items to the annual Gala Greyhound Gathering. The Gala simply could not exist without the generosity of all of you. Please read the list below, and consider purchasing items from these generous business donors. Let them know you appreciate their support of our once a year fundraiser!

- Arlington Heights Park District
- 2 Hounds Design
- Animart
- Bad Dog Frida
- Bark and Scratch Outpost
- Beautiful Beaded Collars
- Big Orange Dog
- Canine Cast Covers
- CIGA
- Critter Cozies
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- DogEDesigns
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- Draws Variety and Crafts
- Elite Kibble
- Emerald Kennel
- Family Dog Center
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- Ginny's Greyhound Fashions
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- Petlicious Pet Bakery
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- Wild Things for Greys
- John Wiley and Sons
- Steve Wirth

If we have inadvertently overlooked a business who should be listed, please let us know. Thank you!

## Couch Potatoes With New Homes September - December 2007

Greyhound's Name/Family's Name

- Hawksy Abbott
- Wanda Basch
- Inna Beebe
- Maria Carlson
- Blain Carr
- King Crouse
- Linen (Again) Dewey
- Smoke Elmergreen
- Brutus Konrad
- Daphne (Lucky) Kraemer
- Thumper LaGrew
- Murphy (Stompers) Martin
- Davis McLean
- Santo (Solar) Michalski
- Pete Mueller
- Ocean Roser
- Justice Ryan
- Gobi (Superman) Schmidt-Skwarok
- Piper Schwandt
- Bailey Shapiro
- Jim Zasada
- Exotic Zeplin



**Pass the Dip - these families have chipped!**



- Paint Abbott
- Alec (Shadow) Agnew
- Cami Bindl
- Viking Christens
- Tawny Gruenhagen
- Abby Hinze
- Abe Jensen
- Brian Knoll
- Chief Lammers
- Jaydon Paynter
- Bailey Perry
- Nation Schulkers
- Magic (Fast) Smoko
- Whoopie Wesell

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.

**Lost Dogs - Continued**  
down over flyer to keep it dry in rain), staple gun for wooden poles, clear packing tape (not as messy as duct tape), smelly food (canned cat food, tuna, hot dogs, etc.), extra leash and collar, squawker, and binoculars.

Go door to door. Speak to people and hand them a flyer. If someone is not home, place a flyer inside the newspaper box or front door. Flyers CANNOT legally be placed in mailboxes.

The above steps are to be taken as soon as possible. If your dog is still missing the following day, place ads in the local newspapers. Continue to post flyers everywhere they can be displayed – schools, businesses, churches, etc. Continue to check periodically with the local shelters and animal control. It is best to visit them in person if possible. Many people even in these locations are not familiar with what a greyhound looks like. Check periodically with public works or whoever is responsible for road kill pick up. We know this

is not a pleasant thought, but if your dog is hit by a car, it is best to know.

When your dog is found please contact all of the businesses and locations that have posted your flyer and let them know. Be sure to thank them for allowing you to leave the flyers in a visible location. Also remove all posted flyers from poles and anywhere else they remain.

We hope you will never need to use the information here but will keep it handy. This article is dedicated to the hounds we

# LOST GREYHOUND!



NAME: **SUGAR**

Sex: Female

Last seen:  
**Rosemary School at  
Lincoln & Aster Streets**  
@ 3 p.m. on Dec 1st

Description: Fawn/tan colored dog wearing green collar & tags.

Call: **222-555-3333 or 222-555-4444**

**DO NOT CHASE! Please call if sighted.  
Sugar is shy and can easily be spooked.**

Please note: These flyers will be removed when the search is over and dog is found! Thank you!  
This flyer is a fictitious sample for informational purposes only.  
Shown at 50% of Actual Size

have found and safely returned home. It is also in memory of Zoom, Paddy, and Willow.



## Ask Kyra...

Hi Kyra,  
Love the new column, and boy do I have a question for you! What is my foster mom's fascination with butt hair? I'll be the first to admit that my tushie could use a little fur, but she is just a nut about it! She's even gone so far as to add a yummy supplement to my food. When I'm done eating she turns and asks me if I've grown any fur on my butt yet. I just need some help understanding her obsession. Thanks for any "moon"light you could shed on this subject!

Sincerely,  
**Hairless Heinie**

Dear Hairless,  
Congratulations on becoming a FOSTER

DOG! I hope you find a family of your own very soon. Now, for your question... I personally find the bald baboon look of a greyhound heinie very attractive, but for some reason our humans are obsessed with it! Humans worry that the hairlessness is a sign of thyroid problems, or a lack in nutrition. Humans have even developed WILD stories to explain - "the fur was rubbed off in a crate" or "hairlessness was bred in for aerodynamics." In truth, no one really knows why greyhound pattern baldness occurs, and really, have you looked at those human males? Some of them are lacking fur on their heads! If your human is obsessed with your bald booty, here are some ideas to try. First, assure them that hairless heinies are fine, and unless they see other problems, a battery of tests on your thyroid are NOT necessary. Next, to facilitate regrowth, make sure

they are feeding you an EXCELLENT diet. They can supplement your diet with Omega 3 fatty acids such as fish or flax seed oil, which supports healthy hair growth, too. Watch out though, too much oil can make for some very uncomfortable poo situations. Most importantly, assure your human that hairless heinies are lovely. Show your heinie to your human often, wag your tail high to show-off your lovely buff butt, and no matter what refuse to wear the booty toupee I hear is being developed! Really, the INDIGNITY!

Tail Wags, *-Kyra*

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