

## In Memory, December 2007-March 2008

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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| Jandy Candy Berman-King | Blaze McManus    |
| Dana Gangaway           | Elsie Milbauer   |
| Bus Griffin             | Louis Musikantow |
| Malone Harrison         | Chucky Powers    |
| Sam Hessen              | Cody Price       |
| Rusty Heise             | Alex Serafin     |
| Pixie Herndon           | Cooper TenHoven  |
| Marcus Johnson          | Ronnie Wick      |
| Brewsky Knueppel        |                  |

### Couch Potato Press

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## Annual Madison Area Heartworm Testing Clinic

Heartworm disease is one of the most preventable illnesses our dogs can contract. It is spread via the mosquito and without prevention can result in adult worms that mature and migrate to the heart where they cause a wide variety of complications, including death. GPA-WI recommends that you have your pet tested for Heartworm disease once per year in the spring and use a monthly heartworm preventative.

As a courtesy to GPA-WI adopters, a Madison area veterinarian has offered to host a Heartworm Clinic. Due to popular demand, The Healthy Pet Veterinary Clinic will continue to host the clinic this year! The clinic is scheduled for April 19th 2008 from 1pm through 4pm. Walk-ins only, please. This visit should not replace an annual visit to your regular veterinarian for a full health check-up. Re-vaccination is also being offered but please remember to bring your pet's vaccine history for the veterinarian to review.

### What's Inside:

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- Dog Updates
- Ask Kyra
- Adoptions & Memorials

Costs are as follows:

Heartworm Test - \$30 (4-way test: heartworm, Ehrlichia, Lyme disease and Anaplasma phagocytophilum)  
Rabies, Distemper or Bordetella Vaccines - \$15  
Lyme Vaccine - \$20

Special pricing on Heartgard, Interceptor, Frontline, Advantix and Vectra 3-D

### What: Heartworm Clinic

Date: April 19, 2008

Time: 1 to 4 pm

Healthy Pet Veterinary Clinic  
1440 E Washington Ave  
Madison, WI  
608-294-9494

## Other Upcoming Events

### WBAY Pet Expo

When: March 28, 29, 30

Where: Shopko Hall, Green Bay  
Shopko Hall is located on the corner of Oneida Street and Lombardi Avenue, across from Lambeau Field. Contact Bill Krouse at 920-434-5193 for more information. Exhibiting dogs only please.

### Greyhounds Walk for Cancer

When: Saturday, May 3rd

Where: Fowler Park, Oconomowoc  
GPA will have a team. All money raised goes to cancer research. Please contact Tonia Powers for more information at 262-253-1300.

### 14th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering

- October 11, 2008. GPA-Wisconsin's biggest fundraiser! Write down the date, details to follow!

## Lost Dog Search - still in progress!



Many of you know about the lost greyhound near Madison, but for those that don't, here is a brief update.

Fawn, formerly known as Gar Baby, bolted out the door of her foster home on January 5th near Sun Prairie. Fawn is a very shy greyhound. She was moved to foster care to help her with socialization and while her foster home reports she was making some progress, she unfortunately still did not want to interact with humans. The result is a dog that is extremely difficult to catch.

Since January 5th, teams of dedicated volunteers have been out posting flyers and talking to people about Fawn. There have been some sightings, but they have been scattered. GPA-Wisconsin owns a large live trap which can be used to catch Fawn, but first we need to know where she is at, or what her pattern of travel is. We will continue to post flyers and search for Fawn until all our leads are exhausted. We're not ready to do that yet! If you can help with the search or have information to share, please contact Tonia Powers at 262-253-1300. Please continue to keep Fawn in your thoughts and prayers that she can be found and brought home safely.

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## You Live... Where?

**Updating the GPA mailing list** (and your dog's info) may be the last thing on your mind when you're staring at the truck load of boxes that need to be unpacked. But in reality, its one of the most important things you can do for your dog, and for GPA-WI. If you have moved, or are planning to move, or have changed your phone number or email address since your dog was adopted, we might not know about it. If your hound gets lost, and we get a call that a dog has been sighted or found, we might not know how to contact you if your address or phone is incorrect in our database. Don't take chances. Make certain we have your correct information, so that we can operate in the most efficient manner

In addition, returned mail costs GPA (and you, and the dogs) money. So if you keep us updated on your current address, we can cut down on the number of mailings that get returned as undeliverable. Please send mailing address and phone number updates to our GPA Secretary by emailing your information to [pauprint@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pauprint@sbcglobal.net).

Lastly, make sure your dog has an ID tag with your current contact information on it. Yes, we give out a GPA ID tag with every adoption, and that is a great safety net for your dog, but its your responsibility to properly ID your dog. If your neighbor down the street finds your dog, he can call you directly, instead of calling us to track you down. This happens so often, and takes longer for the dog to find his or her way home! Also make sure you fill out the prepaid tag form that came in your adoption packet. It's a simple process and doesn't cost you a thing. Please keep your dog's tag information current.

## Dog Updates: The Boys Club

Occasionally, we have dogs that seem to need a little extra help to find a permanent home. These dogs may sometimes have a special personality trait that makes them unique or searching for just the right family. Sometimes, just the fact that a dog is not cat friendly, or its the winter season and applications are slow, can result in a dog taking longer than normal to find his or her forever home. At GPA-WI, we work hard to match the right home for each hound, no matter how long that might take. Here are a few dogs we'd like you to consider adding to your family.

**Del** - Del is a very sweet 9 year old guy who was returned to GPA due to



a lifestyle change in his family. Del is one of those special senior hounds that has so much love to give, and thinks of himself as a teenager, not an old fart! He loves to play with toys, and his foster family simply adores him. Del has had some ongoing medical issues, including corns on his feet that sometimes make it difficult for him to walk. He is also taking joint supplements to keep his old dog aches and pains in check. He would be great in a quiet home and would prefer to be an only dog where he can have all the attention. Del is not cat friendly, but is looking for someone who is content to just have him hang around and accept him for the fun loving snuggle bug that he is.

**Cart** - Cart is a sweetheart of a hound, who has been in foster care for a few months now. He's on the shy side and also a young dog (just 2), so would do better in a home as a second dog with someone to lead him and show him the ropes. Cart has been making a lot of progress in foster care, but will need a family that is patient and can help him explore the big scary world that awaits him. Cart is cat friendly, and would prefer a fenced in yard to romp in. Time and training will surely make this young guy a good companion to your current greyhound, or other dog. Seeing his personality blossom and his confidence grow is the rewarding part of having a dog like Cart.



**Chazz** - Chazz is a 7 year old, smart, handsome black and white brindle boy with a storied past. He was attacked by his mother when only a few weeks old and raised by humans. He grew up un-neutered in



a house with few rules, where he was "Large and In Charge." Chazz never raced and was taken into the GPA-WI program last fall because his family felt he was too rambunc-

tious for small kids. He has been neutered and it was discovered he had a mouth full of painful, rotten teeth--ouch! Having recovered from both surgeries, he is beginning obedience class with a GPA volunteer in March. He has been evaluated by a professional trainer who believes that once he "learns the rules" he will be a wonderful companion. He'll need a dog-savvy adopter who will keep him honest and not let him run the household. Stay tuned for the next installment of Chazz's extreme doggie makeover!

**Driven** - Driven is an awesome hound. Playful, gorgeous, well mannered. So why hasn't he been adopted? We have no idea! What are you waiting for? Driven loves to play fetch and would be good with school age children. He's a big fellow, but is kind



of a baby, or should we say "A Momma's Boy". Driven would love nothing more than to be your lap dog, follow you around the house all day, and look at you lovingly with those big brown eyes. He sees you as worth worshipping! Driven had a successful racing career, but doesn't let that go to his head. However, he does need a home without cats or small dogs as his prey drive is high. This mature fellow is turning 6 in May -- c'mon people, lets not let this big guy down! Do you have room for a fantastic dog like Driven? Then let's give him the best birthday present ever - a new loving home of his own. He certainly deserves it.

To learn more about these or any of our available greyhounds, visit our website at [www.gpawisconsin.org](http://www.gpawisconsin.org), or contact your adoption rep or a GPA-WI volunteer for additional information. We'd love to talk to you about making one of our dogs, one of your dogs!♥

## Couch Potatoes With New Homes December 2007 - March 2008

### Greyhound's Name/Family's Name

Wanda Basch  
Eli Cochran  
Pnut Danforth/Appell  
Mia Fuller  
Cowboy Herlitska  
Trey Jameson  
Hammer McLaughlin  
Dexter (Jab) Milbauer  
Ceasar (Yeller) Musbach  
Lizzie Mruk  
Bocce (Regi) Puerner  
Page Ryan  
Noel Shields  
Jog Smith  
Eubie Weyenberg



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

Sally Gauchet/Johanson  
Snookems Hansen  
Rose Kaufmann  
Bair (Bear) McManus  
Tipper Morton  
Jada (CG) Paque  
Kit Portee  
Rickey (Bronco) Ryan  
Ella Weyenberg  
Sizzle Weyenberg  
Kaboom Zasada

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.



## Ask Kyra...

Dear Kyra,  
Okay, I consider myself to be a hip kind of guy, but I'm not into being pampered. I like to dig in the dirt, roll in the grass, and hunt for rabbits. I don't care if my toenails are long or unkept. If they get out of control, I just chew them off! Why do my parents get all freaky when they haven't trimmed my toenails and they start to get long? What's the deal with that? Is all the hubbub necessary?

Thanks for your time,  
*Lucky*

Dear Lucky,  
Sorry, but I have to side with the humans on this one. Sometimes those crazy two legs get it right! Keeping your nails trimmed is essential, not because it looks nice and keeps you from scratching up floors and human skin, but because overgrown nails are a serious health problem. Unkept nails can lead to serious foot or pad problems, joint and muscle problems, and

can even make walking painful. Imagine not being able to go for a WALK! (Did someone say WALK? WALK! I love WALKS!) Sorry, back to your question. Nail trims are necessary, but they needn't make you feel like a pampered poodle. Ask your parents to try out a Dremel. What can be more manly than a power tool? Complete instructions and a pictorial guide about how to use a Dremel to grind nails, can be found by simply doing a web search for "DoberDawn and Dremel." One more thing Lucky, if you trim or dremel your nails regularly, they will be easier to maintain and take less time out of your busy schedule. 10 minutes with the Dremel every 2-3 weeks beats 1 hour every 5-6 weeks! Just sit back and relax. Real men like being served by subservient humans anyway.

Tail Wags,

*Kyra*

If you have a question for Kyra, please send your letter to:  
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LaCrescent, MN 55947  
or email to: [AskKyra@gmail.com](mailto:AskKyra@gmail.com)